

Thatcher says Britain shows economic way

Reagan is urged to follow UK example

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Prime Minister last night gave her explanation for the worldwide stock market crash.

She told the world in general, and the United States in particular, to follow Britain's example in its efforts to end the slide.

Speaking at the Lord Mayor's banquet at Guildhall, Mrs Thatcher countered those who were warning that a cut in the US budget deficit would lead to a recession.

She said that when, in the difficult days of 1981, Britain had made a substantial cut in its own deficit, 364 economists had warned that it would deepen the recession.

Instead, that budget had proved the starting point for more than six years of economic growth and lower borrowing and had led to this year's nearly balanced budget.

The Prime Minister declared that President Reagan and Congress, who were still negotiating to secure further cuts in the budget deficit, should ignore the contradictory advice they were receiving from their own economists and heed Britain's real experience.

Mrs Thatcher listed the four underlying causes of the market collapse as the uncertainties stemming from the continuing US budget and trade deficits, the persistent trade surpluses of Japan and Germany, and the resulting fears of protectionism and returning inflation.

The way to counter them, she said, was to avoid recession was to go back to the fundamentals Britain had been practising - sound money and low inflation. Prudent finance and living within your means were the answer, together with a removal of the

permanent trade balance in its favour. That could only be at the expense of others.

In today's world economy, said Mrs Thatcher, "it is simply not possible for any country to keep dry while the rest get wet".

Calling for action from others, the Prime Minister said: "Germany and Japan have, I believe, scope to expand their domestic economies without the risk of higher inflation."

"Japan and some newly industrialised countries like South Korea and Taiwan, both of which had considerable surpluses, could and should take further action to open their markets."

Markets confused: Stock markets and the dollar recovered strongly yesterday, after President Reagan's weekend expression of optimism on the outcome of the US budget talks (David Smith, Our Economics Correspondent, writes).

But the gains were cut sharply back late in the afternoon after further comments from Mr Reagan, which confused the markets and apparently contradicted his weekend address to the American people.

The FT-SE 100 index closed only 6.4 points up at 1,684.7, having shown a gain of 56.5 points at one stage during the day.

Mr Reagan said he was hoping for a deal which would cut the deficit by at least \$23 billion (£13.5 billion) in the current year. He also said that "hiking tax rates is the wrong step" to cut the budget deficit.

His modest hopes for a cut in the deficit conflicted with the message from Washington over the weekend, which was that the deficit would be cut by about \$30 billion this year. Higher taxes were expected to form at least \$10 billion of the deficit-cutting package this year.

Congressional budget negotiators continued their talks yesterday, maintaining that they were close to a deal.

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Red Arrow jet hits houses but no one is hurt



The wreckage of one of the Hawk jets in the shattered house in Welton into which it crashed.

Planes in mid-air collision

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Two Hawk jets of the RAF Red Arrow team collided during an aerobatic training flight over Lincolnshire yesterday. The planes crashed but both pilots ejected safely.

One of the jets struck houses, taking the roof off one, before crashing into the ground. A number of people on the ground were taken to hospital suffering from shock. The other jet crashed into a field.

Six aircraft from the RAF's display team were practising over an area five miles east of Scampton, the Red Arrows' base, when the leading single-seater Hawk and the second plane in line collided.

Eye witnesses saw two parachutes appear almost immediately as the two Hawks fell towards the ground, one of them on fire. The two pilots were recovered near the Lincolnshire village of Welton. One had a broken leg.

The owners of the houses badly damaged by the Hawk jets escaped injury. Mrs Gill Schooley, of Monce Close, Welton, was at work and her

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Bahamas body is exhumed

By David Sapsted

A second post mortem will be held this afternoon on the body of Mrs Diana Carson in the wake of her husband's expulsion as British naval attaché in the Caribbean.

Dr Roger Ainsworth, a Home Office pathologist, will begin his examination at Portsmouth mortuary in an attempt to determine the cause of bruising to her head.

Mrs Carson, aged 48, drowned in the swimming pool of the couple's home in the Bahamas early in October. She was buried in Britain. Her husband, Captain Christopher Carson, was recalled by the Foreign Office earlier this month after the Bahamian Government ruled his presence "no longer acceptable". It said that Captain Carson would have faced charges in connection with the death had he remained there.

Hampshire police, which has been ordered by the Director of Public Prosecutions to carry out a full-scale investigation, said yesterday: "As a first step in this inquiry we have decided to exhumate the body."

IRA will drive Britain out, says Livingstone

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

involved in eventually Britain will go.

He said that in almost all previous cases there had been violence and that as it continued Britain eventually got depressed and gave up.

Although Mr Livingstone condemned violence in the province including that caused by "loyalists" and the British state, his remarks will deeply embarrass the party leadership. Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, has condemned Provisional Sinn Féin's strategy.

Last night Mr Norman Tebbit, the former chairman of the Conservative party whose wife was severely injured in the IRA's Brighton bomb attack, accused Mr Livingstone of being unable to distinguish between a colony and part of the United Kingdom.

He added: "He seeks now to distinguish between the violence of the terrorists and the violence of the police in seeking to arrest terrorists. Mr Kinnock says the Labour party is a broad church, presumably he thinks it is

Riot police storm Nairobi university

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

Riot police armed with batons, guns and tear gas rampaged through the University of Nairobi, beating students before the university was closed yesterday.

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Secrecy on Aids vital, House told

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Doctors carrying the Aids virus must be promised total confidentiality, a minister told the Commons yesterday.

Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, said: "If confidentiality is in question people who might otherwise be at risk will be less inclined to come forward."

There was no evidence of any patient having been infected with the Aids virus through his doctor, he said in response to a condemnation by Mr Robin Cook, the shadow Health Secretary, of "a sensational campaign by the tabloids to publish the names of doctors."

However, some Tory backbenchers led by Sir Gerard Vaughan, the former health minister, believe patients must be told if their doctors are carrying the virus.

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Cossiga in crisis talks

President Cossiga of Italy, who was to have spent this week in Britain, yesterday led efforts to resolve the government crisis which forced him to cancel his state visit.

Leaders of all five parties in the collapsed coalition government told him that they wanted to resume working together.

In an interview with The Times published today on page 49, President Cossiga emphasizes Italy's increased

prosperity and rising international stature. Speaking before the visit was cancelled, he cautioned against judging Italy on the basis of the life of its governments.

He said that Italy was now at least at the same level as Britain in the world economy. Other Italian leaders have suggested that it may already have overtaken Britain.

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box on the fifty-fourth day of the hearing in Middlesbrough, said she had examined two sisters while at the Fleming Hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne in July 1986 and found one to have signs of sexual abuse.

"I went home and enlisted the help of my youngest children to see if I could elicit it on their bottoms but it didn't happen. It was a striking finding."

She asked a woman police doctor, Dr Ellis Fraser, to examine one of the sisters but she could find no abnormal findings. But when Dr Higgs examined her again the following morning she again found signs consistent with sexual abuse.

Dr Higgs was asked by her counsel, Mr Robert Nelson, QC, to explain the

Doctor put her own daughter to sex abuse test

By Peter Davenport

Dr Marietta Higgs, the consultant paediatrician at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse crisis, disclosed yesterday how she went home and examined some of her own children after diagnosing her first case in hospital.

The doctor, who has five children aged between five years and 17, was giving evidence at the inquiry set up by the Government.

She told how she had made a diagnosis on a young girl using the controversial medical technique of anal dilatation, a method she had first heard described only a month earlier at a conference. She examined some of her own children as a comparison.

Dr Higgs, who entered the witness

different findings. "My answer is that the child was probably abused in hospital although I know it sounds preposterous."

She said that the layout of wards afforded privacy, families were given free access to their children and abusers often had a compulsive disorder.

Dr Higgs's first public explanation of her central role in the crisis began when she sat before the microphone in the witness box in the council chamber at Middlesbrough Town Hall where the inquiry has been in session since August.

The inquiry was told that since January Dr Higgs and her fellow consultant paediatrician at Middles-

brough General Hospital, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, had found signs consistent with sexual abuse in 121 children out of 165 cases they had examined. Other consultants had diagnosed four cases.

Dr Higgs admitted that there were a number of areas where, in retrospect, she should have acted differently but she remained adamant that she acted entirely correctly in reaching her diagnoses of abuse.

She told Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, the judge heading the inquiry, that criticisms she had been over-zealous in finding such cases were "quite untrue" and suggestions that she had been empire-building "ludicrous and preposterous."

The hearing continues today.

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Whirlwind opening by Botha

Sydney's Southern Cross newspaper took advantage of the 221 by Botha and his cabinet to launch a series of attacks on the apartheid government.

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Green light

Underwriting of the £770 million Eurotunnel equity issue was completed yesterday, leaving the route clear for the proposed share sale on November 27. Page 25

Rugby death

A French rugby player died when fighting broke out between the teams at the end of a match in Marseilles. Page 48

Portfolio Gold

● The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won yesterday by a reader in Ilford, Essex. Details, page 3.
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Post strike ballot result 'close'

The result of the strike ballot which could lead to the disruption of Christmas mail will be made known today. Officials of the Union of Communication Workers say there has been a large return in the ballot. That normally indicates a yes vote but some feel that the result will be close.

Talks between representatives of the 165,000 postal workers and Post Office managers, which on Friday laid the ground rules for future discussions, continued yesterday.

The union executive has recommended its members vote for industrial action over a demand for a 40-hour working week. It claims postmen and women work a 43-hour week but that includes meal breaks.

The Post Office has offered a reduction of an hour a week, if it is financed by increased productivity. However, that has been rejected.

The union has arranged a special delegate conference in Bournemouth on Saturday to decide action in the light of today's ballot decision.

Fears over Libel Princess damages

Scotland Yard is reviewing security surrounding the Princess of Wales to shield her from alleged prying press photographers.

The study by senior officers in the Yard's royal protection squad comes after an incident when the Princess reportedly wept and begged a photographer to hand over his film as she left a private dinner party.

The Princess is said to be distressed by the constant intrusions into her private life. The police are equally alarmed at the apparent ease with which photographers get so close to her.

An American businessman is to donate to charity "substantial" undisclosed libel damages paid to him by *The Daily Telegraph*.

Mr David Eady, QC, counsel for Mr Mestulum Kiklis, told the High Court in London yesterday that *The Daily Telegraph* had also unreservedly withdrawn an allegation against Mr Kiklis and agreed to pay his costs.

On October 17 last year, the newspaper falsely accused Mr Kiklis of receiving money alleged to have been stolen by Guinness plc.

Keith Best to appeal

Keith Best, aged 38, the former Conservative MP convicted of illegally trying to obtain British Telecom shares through multiple applications, is to appeal against conviction. The appeal is unlikely to be heard before Christmas.

Last month the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, and two other judges quashed a four-month jail sentence on the barrister after he appealed against sentence. They substituted a £4,500 fine for the £3,000 one originally imposed at Southwark Crown Court.

No decision will be taken by the Bar's professional conduct committee on whether it should refer Best's case to a disciplinary tribunal until after the appeal. The tribunal can disbar, suspend, fine or reprimand barristers.

Coren for Listener

Mr Alan Coren is to be the new editor of *The Listener* magazine. The BBC and ITV joint interviewing panel made discreet approaches to Mr Coren last week despite receiving more than 40 applicants for the job.

Mr Coren, currently editor of *Punch*, said last night: "It was suggested I might like to apply. I was not one of the original applicants." He will take up his new post at the beginning of February.

After agreement between the BBC and the Independent Television Association, *The Listener* is to be jointly funded.

Tea break halts train

British Rail is considering disciplining a guard who delayed his train for about 20 minutes at Southampton station to travel six miles for a cup of tea. The guard, who has not been named, was protesting about the condition of a mess room and because a kettle was not working during his tea break.

He was to have joined a Salisbury-Portsmouth train at Southampton, but a Southern Region spokesman said he went by train to Eastleigh station to have his tea, then returned, while his train waited at Southampton.

£10m Aids trust for haemophiliacs

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The government announced an unprecedented *ex-gratia* payment of £10 million yesterday to 1,200 haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus through contaminated NHS blood products. Opposition MPs responded that it was "short-changing" the victims.

Emphasizing that the Government did not accept liability for the haemophiliacs' plight and was not opening the door to similar claims in the future, Mr Anthony Newton, Minister for Health, told the Commons that the payment was "in recognition of a special and unique combination of circumstances".

The announcement represents a significant concession by the Government and comes after a campaign of increasing pressure by the Haemophilia Society and large numbers of MPs.

The society will use the grant to form a trust fund and will decide how best to distribute the money between the victims and the dependants of the 49 who have already died.

It will receive advice and assistance in this from the Department of Health.

Mr Newton insisted that £10 million was an "adequate and proper sum", and said that the society would have the flexibility to make greater or lesser payments to victims according to need.

However, Labour MPs led by Mr Robin Cook, Opposition spokesman on health, said that the Government was "short-changing" the haemophiliacs. The £10 million represented little more than £8,000 a head, he said.

The society had sought a weekly benefit to cover estimated additional costs such as heating, laundry and food of £65 a week, a fund in recognition of the disaster, an insurance scheme to protect victims' homes, and provision for dependants.

Labour MPs also unsuccessfully sought an assurance from Mr Newton that individual payments would not be taxed or lessened entitlement to supplementary benefit.

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Way sought for universities to patent inventions

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The Government may help universities retain ownership of inventions made by their scientists and to obtain full payment from companies which want to exploit the patents. The purpose is to enable universities to raise money for research that the bulk of industry is otherwise reluctant to support.

The attraction of devising a standard format of patent protection covering all universities, and based on a scheme under discussion in the

United States, was outlined yesterday by Mr John Fairclough, the Government's chief scientific advisor.

Mr Fairclough, who is on secondment from IBM for three years, was speaking at a conference on the exploitation of academic research called by the Patent Office, industry and the research councils, in London.

However, the idea of universities retaining ownership of intellectual property rights conflicts with the policies of many large companies, and the gulf between industry

and the universities emerged yesterday.

Professor John Cadogan, director of research for British Petroleum, said that, while BP was perhaps the largest industrial sponsor of university research, it was against a company's interest for ownership to remain in other hands.

BP spends £260 million a year in its own laboratories on applied research. Another £40 million goes on basic science, with a large proportion on collaborative research in universities and on post-graduate studentships.

Professor Cadogan said that industry lived by exploitation. It was not the university's job. For competitive reasons, industry wanted collaboration that gave a company ownership of inventions, for which it would pay for the research and a proportion of any profits from successful exploitation.

He described the universities as the "early warning radar of research", which was at the start of the chain leading to innovation, but he was anxious about the future.

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indicated that a redistribution was needed of the spending of government money for basic research, rather than new money.

Professor Cadogan said that the £28.5 million, which went on the core science work in chemistry, physics, biology and mathematics, was inadequate.

It represented less than 10 per cent of the money available for basic science research. Again, both he and Mr Fairclough agreed that there was not enough flexibility

in the so-called "flexible money" which, in principle, should be switched to key areas of research when new advances occurred.

Mr Fairclough gave an insight into the Prime Minister's attitude towards research. He said she would support a university department that co-operated with a company whose chairman could see the commercial potential for the research. Under those circumstances the Prime Minister would be prepared to lend government support to that university department.

Scandinavia line stakes claim for BCal link-up

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

SAS, the Scandinavian airline, is favourite to take a stake in British Caledonian should the proposed merger with British Airways fall through.

Negotiations have been going on between the two for some months and unless Lord King of Wartaul, chairman of BA, is prepared to offer about £200 million within two weeks Sir Adam Thomson, BCal chairman, is determined to walk away from the talks and discuss detailed terms with SAS.

Such a move could, however, lead to a legal and constitutional problem. One interpretation of government rules indicates that no foreign airline can have a stake larger than 17 per cent in a British company without having its involvement referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Another interpretation is that they can hold a 49 per cent stake provided there is continued British "control". Neither view has been formally tested and should BCal seek a link with SAS it is almost certain to lead to a political and legal issue.

Mr Jan Carlzon, the dynamic president of SAS, confirmed yesterday that he would be interested in taking a stake in the ailing Gatwick-based airline but said that he would wait first to see the outcome of the negotiations with BA.

"We have made no secret of the fact that we would like to find alliances with other airlines on all four continents we serve", Mr Carlzon said.

British Airways, which has been angered by what it regards as Sir Adam's unwelcome tactics in revealing publicly the amount of money he is expecting to get for his airline, ordered a ban yesterday on all further public statements about the talks. British Caledonian agreed to follow the lead.

SAS would form a perfect "match" with BCal provided

it was given government approval to go ahead with the link-up. Under Mr Carlzon's leadership, SAS has become the most efficient and punctual airline in Europe. But it has a small natural "catchment" area of 17 million people who live in Scandinavia.

It is seeking two or three main international "hub" airports which would feed local traffic on to long-haul services.

Gatwick, at which it is the largest foreign operator, would be an ideal airport from which to mount such an operation with the existing BCal services feeding passengers from Britain and Europe onto SAS long-haul routes and SAS in turn scheduling its local flights to link up with BCal's profitable intercontinental services.

SAS was formed in 1946 by linking the state-owned airlines of Denmark, Norway and Sweden. It has a network spanning 90 cities in 40 countries with 100 aircraft and 20,000 employees.

It is one of the most profitable airlines in Europe, having been turned round from a loss to a huge profit within five years by concentrating on the business class of service.

Although it has a highly successful European network it is seeking a big expansion of its intercontinental capabilities to take on the giant US "mega carriers" and to position itself for the forthcoming free market within Europe scheduled for 1992.

Bcal is also talking to KLM, Alitalia and Air France, although in every case there are far more problems than with SAS.

Should talks with Sabena of Belgium, the Finnish national airline, Finnair, and Austrian Airlines also succeed, the new merged European giant would be as big and as powerful as British Airways and able to provide an effective European-based second force airline. Comment, page 27



Brian Cox, named best actor of 1987 by the British Theatre Association yesterday for three Shakespearean roles, and Judi Dench, who won the best actress award for her performance in *Anthony and Cleopatra*.

Labour drops hard-left MP in select committee dispute

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Labour's beleaguered whips have for the second time in a month been forced into an embarrassing retreat on plans to put left-wing MPs into key positions on Commons select committees.

In the face of Conservative threats to flout the unwritten rules of the committee system, the Labour whips have abandoned an attempt to give Mrs Audrey Wise the high-profile chairmanship of the important select committee on social services.

Mrs Wise is a member of the hard-left Campaign group, who returned only recently to the Commons after an eight-year break.

With another Labour MP having just been switched from social services to the public accounts committee, the way is clear for the notoriously independent Mr Frank Field, easily Labour's best qualified candidate, to join the committee. He would assume what both government and opposition whips have agreed should be a Labour chairmanship.

MPs believe a key reason why Mrs Wise was nominated

was to keep Mr Field, no favourite of his whips, away from the chair.

Earlier this month Mr Derek Foster, Labour's Chief Whip, was forced to drop plans to nominate an active member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament for the powerful select committee on defence after protests from the Conservatives and threats of resignation by two multi-lateralist Labour MPs already on the committee.

Instead he nominated two moderate MPs who were CND members in little more than name.

In the case of the social services committee, several senior Conservative members, who have a majority on the committee, had privately told their whips that they would rebel if asked to support Mrs Wise for the chairmanship.

One of them, Mr Nicholas Winterton, who has served on the committee since it was set up in 1979, blocked the formation of any of the departmental select committees last week in protest at having Mrs

Wise "foisted" on the committee.

He had threatened to continue doing so until the committees were allowed to interfere from the whips.

Labour's retreat over Mrs Wise would appear to remove one of the few remaining obstacles to the reconstitution of the committees.

The Ulster Unionists are still demanding an extra place or two on the committees, including representation on the defence committee.

The government and opposition whips have yet to agree on whether the Conservatives should have an outright majority or simply the most members on the Scottish affairs committee after their disastrous election performance north of the border.

However on the Scottish issue at least Labour is not threatening to block formation of the other committees until the dispute is settled.

● The Labour Party has drawn up a report on the likely shape of Britain in the 1990s to help in the formation of policies for the next election.

Doctors' hospital crisis warning

By Craig Seton

More than 200 hospital consultants in Birmingham have warned health authorities that medical care in the city is "reeling" under the strain of service cuts.

Their anxiety is expressed in a letter sent to the West Midlands Regional Health Authority and to Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Services.

The situation will be discussed when Sir James Ackers, the chairman of the authority, meets Mr Moore today.

The 200 consultants, about a third of those working in Birmingham, signed the letter after it was drafted by Dr Kenneth Taylor, a consultant physician at the city's Dudley Road hospital. The letter says that morale among doctors is at "an all-time low" because of bed cuts to save money.

Dr Taylor said yesterday that he feared the city's hospitals would not be able to cope with the increased number of patients that could be expected in winter.

"We have reached the point where there is no more slack. The effects of an influenza epidemic could be nothing short of disastrous", he said.

The letter says the Government must be persuaded that the health service needs an increase in funding. "It is naive for ministers to talk of more patients being treated when they make no mention of those left untreated", it says.

Sir James said last night: "The authority has been aware for some time of the growing pressure faced by our consultant colleagues in the whole region, not just in Birmingham".

Paintings sale Bill criticized

By Lynda Mordin
Arts Correspondent

Three important art institutions, the National Gallery, Tate Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery, last night expressed alarm at the determination of Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, to go ahead with a Bill allowing them to sell unwanted paintings.

Other organizations and leading individuals in the arts world also opposed Mr Luce's intention to give limited powers to dispose of paintings in the draft Museums and Galleries (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill which is expected to go through Parliament next year.

Trustees at the three galleries said they would not use such a power, but feared that it would set an unfortunate precedent.

● A committee of trustees at the Tate will today interview four short-listed candidates for the job of director. They are Norman Rosenthal, exhibition secretary at the Royal Academy of Arts; Nick Serota, director of the Whitechapel Gallery; Julian Spalding, director of the City Art Gallery, Manchester; and John Elderfield, curator of drawings at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

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Tebbit to argue for school reform

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative Party chairman, intends to mobilize support for the Government's education reforms.

Plans to allow schools to opt out of local authority control will attract his first Commons speech since leaving Conservative Central Office.

The education Bill, involving the biggest upheaval in education since the 1944 Act, will be introduced into Parliament on Friday.

Mr Tebbit, whose influence on the Conservative backbenches remains powerful, has taken on the unofficial role of chief spokesman of the Government's policies.

Lord Whitelaw, the Deputy Prime Minister, has given a warning that the Government could be defeated over the opting out principle.

During the second reading, Mr Tebbit is to argue for parents to be given the maximum freedom over the choice of schools to which they send their children. He will attack what he sees as the elitism of those who suggest that while

people can choose governments and their local councils they cannot decide where to send their children.

However, he is expected to voice reservations about the Bill's proposals to increase the powers of parent governors, notably on school budgets.

He and his colleagues on the right of the Conservative Party believe opting out is a step towards offering parents in the public sector of education the choice available to those in the private sector.

They will propose that the procedures for opting out be made as straightforward as possible and that every effort be made to prevent obstruction of parents' wishes by headteachers and local authorities.

Mr Tebbit believes that a special effort should be directed at the teachers who, because of their influence with parents, could have a crucial bearing on whether parents organize votes on whether to leave the local authority umbrella.

Kinnoch scorns Scargill

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnoch, the Labour Party leader, said yesterday that the National Union of Mineworkers needed a leader who could negotiate on behalf of "the whole coal industry".

His remark, seen as a scarcely veiled repudiation of Mr Arthur Scargill, was delivered during a visit to Cardiff as South Wales miners debated whether to field a candidate against Mr Scargill in the leadership election.

Mr Kinnoch, questioned about Mr Scargill after unveiling a statue of Aneurin Bevan, said: "I thought we were going to talk about Nye Bevan - a real socialist".

● Mr Des Dainton, the South Wales NUM leader, has accused Mr Scargill of treating miners with contempt for calling an election at a time when the union was short of money. ● Two hundred miners walked out at the Deep Navigation mine in Treham, Mid-Glamorgan, yesterday in protest at a British Coal plan to increase productivity.

Rover strike over pension funding

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Production at the Austin Rover assembly plant at Cowley, Oxfordshire, was halted yesterday by a one-day strike in protest at the company's decision to withhold its contributions to the joint pension fund.

A three-year "pensions holiday", during which employers pay no contributions, had been declared to keep the company's £980 million pension fund within the Government's 5 per cent growth limits.

The new arrangement was accepted by a majority of the workforce but more than 2,500 Transport and General Workers' Union members at Cowley protested because they believed that all the £160 million surplus should be used to improve pensions.

The Cowley protest led to 3,600 other workers at the plant being laid off and production of 1,000 cars with a showroom value of £7.5 million being lost.

Austin Rover pointed out

that £80 million of the surplus would be ploughed back into product development and a further £80 million paid to the pensions trustees to secure an improved future for the fund.

Present employees, who would continue to pay contributions averaging £6 a week, would receive a 14 per cent improvement in pensions entitlement and former employees now drawing their pension would receive 10 per cent more.

The action came after a ballot of the Cowley workforce marginally favoured a token strike.

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Other action taken in British industry against similar pension scheme changes have included a one-day strike at a Lucas plant and overtime bans at two other engineering companies.

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Doctor scorns claim of 'empire building' in child abuse cases

By Peter Davenport

Dr Marietta Higgs, the consultant paediatrician at the centre of the Cleveland child sexual abuse controversy, admitted yesterday that she should have handled some aspects of the affair differently.

But she remained adamant that her diagnoses on the children involved had been reached entirely correctly.

The doctor, aged 38 and mother of five children aged between five and 17 years, rejected allegations that she had been over-zealous in seeking to find cases of sexual abuse.

Dr Higgs, who has faced criticism over her diagnostic techniques and method of examination during the crisis in the county, was giving the first public defence and explanation of her actions on the fifty-fourth day of the inquiry.

She told Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, the judge heading the investigation: "There can be no paediatrician who relishes the prospect of the distress which will inevitably be caused in a family when a diagnosis of sexual abuse is raised or who would choose to concentrate on this subject of paediatrics for the purpose of empire building as has been alleged. 'Certainly did not do so'."

The council chamber in Middlesbrough Town Hall, where the inquiry has been sitting since August, was hushed and crowded as the doctor presented her explanation of the events between January and July which turned the national spotlight on to Cleveland for a problem which society still finds difficult to accept.

Among the allegations made against Dr Higgs, both during the inquiry and in the heated weeks and months leading up to its formation, were that she relied too heavily on the controversial medical technique of anal dilatation as proof of sexual abuse; about her methods of examining children, her attitude to parents and to police surgeons and that she was attempting to "empire build".

She was also accused in the House of Commons of having "colluded and conspired" with a social worker to keep police out of such cases.

Yesterday she presented a calm and detailed response to the charges. In evidence that ran to 50 pages she told the inquiry:

"In my view an awareness of child abuse in general and an ability to recognize signs of sexual abuse is something which should be part of the work of all general paediatricians and it should be seen as an important factor in child health generally."

"I do not agree with the criticisms which have been made which would suggest that by putting this into practice I have been guilty of over-zealously seeking out cases of child sexual abuse."

She said that child sexual abuse is rarely a sphere which in itself was professionally rewarding.

Turning to her relationships with the police and police surgeons she said that she did not dispute that police had an important role in child abuse investigations.

I am opposed to second opinions if it is against child's interests

Dr Higgs's beliefs and techniques led to bitter confrontation with Cleveland's senior police surgeon, Dr Alistair Irvine, who has called her misguided and incompetent.

Yesterday she said: "In retrospect, I feel that it might have been helpful to try and build a relationship with the police surgeons at the outset as I did with representatives of other professionals, so that the difference of opinion between myself and the senior police surgeon might have been recognized in advance and discussed before it led to us taking opposite views in a particular case."

Dr Higgs denied allegations that she had forbidden police surgeons to examine children in whom she had found signs of sexual abuse, as the inquiry has been told.

She said she was surprised about complaints by members of the nursing staff at Middlesbrough General Hospital that she had been "elated" at discovering signs of sexual abuse in children.

Of the criticism that she had failed to obtain parental consent for examination of children and in some cases for the taking of photographs, Dr Higgs admitted that the question of consent in cases of suspected sexual abuse was a difficult one.

However she said she al-

ways told the child what she was doing if it was old enough to understand. On the two occasions when youngsters objected she did not proceed at that stage.

On the issue of second opinions on her findings, the doctor said she tried wherever possible to have her findings confirmed by a colleague within the hospital.

It was in June 1986 that Dr Higgs attended a conference in Leeds when she heard a lecture by Dr Jane Wynne, a paediatrician in Leeds. At that conference she first heard of the anal examination technique used by Dr Wynne and which she was later to adopt.

A group of parents whose children had been taken into care after Dr Higgs diagnosed sexual abuse arranged for independent medical examination by two recognized experts in the field, Dr Raine Roberts, a Manchester police surgeon, and Dr David Paul, of Harley Street.

Dr Higgs said that at one stage she did re-examine her own position.

"It did not lead me to conclude that there existed a sufficiently strong body of contrast opinion for my views on the physical signs of sexual abuse to be considered ill-founded."

This only became apparent on June 24, she said, when Dr Roberts and Dr Paul made their examination.

"Even then it was not clear whether they disagreed with my interpretation of physical signs and evaluation of medical history, or had given their opinion as a result of making different findings."

Dr Higgs said: "I do not consider that I acted other than correctly in reaching diagnoses of child sexual abuse as I did. As a paediatrician my duty is to the child who is my patient."

Although she realized the seriousness of making a diagnosis which could lead to a child being removed from home, it would have been wrong not to have arranged admission to hospital for further assessment.

"It is one of the few occasions where the interests of the parents may not coincide with those of the child and where by its very nature it is easier for both doctors and lay people alike to accept an opinion which stated that it has not occurred to one which states that it has."



Dr Marietta Higgs arriving at the town hall yesterday to put her case before the inquiry.

Paediatrician trained by a pioneer

Dr Higgs gave the inquiry details of her medical background, and how and when she became deeply concerned with child sexual abuse.

She qualified at the University of Adelaide Medical School in 1974 and for two years worked at hospitals in Adelaide before moving to the United Kingdom in 1977 to specialize in paediatrics.

She held positions at Chat-

ham, Kent, Newcastle University Medical School and hospitals in Newcastle and in Gateshead before being appointed to the post of consultant paediatrician at Middlesbrough General Hospital in January this year.

It was during her time at the Newcastle hospitals, she said, that she developed her interest in child abuse working under the late Dr Christine Cooper, recognized as a pioneer in the field.

While working in Gateshead she had direct, long-term contact with sexually abused children who had been referred for psychiatric treatment.

"This demonstrated to me the damaging effects of child sexual abuse, not only in the short term but also for the future," she told the inquiry.

Fight to clear name by bomb case scientist

By Stewart Trender

A former Home Office forensic scientist yesterday told the Court of Appeal he plans a legal battle to clear his name after work on the Birmingham bombings case was publicly challenged.

But Dr Frank Skuse also told the court his "demise" as a forensic scientist had started two years before the 1974 bombings. His authority was eroded possibly because of a personality clash and differences with the management.

Last week Dr Skuse told the court, which is hearing the appeal of six Irishmen convicted for the 1974 bombings, that he was forced to retire 10 years early in 1983 at the time of the television programme which challenged his findings in the case.

"The court has been told in evidence for the appellants that a test to detect nitroglycerine traces can also give a positive result for nitrocellulose, found on playing cards and cigarette wrappers."

The nitrocellulose can show up if conditions for the test, known as the Griess test, include the use of a 1 per cent solution of caustic soda. Nitrocellulose will not show up if a 0.1 per cent solution is used and Dr Skuse says he

always used that amount.

Yesterday Dr Skuse told the court he had carried out his own trials with the Griess test at home in his kitchen and also commissioned a report from a former forensic scientist, now a toxicologist at Guy's Hospital in London.

Dr Skuse said his own tests had shown that even using the 1 per cent solution with playing cards there was no positive result for nitrocellulose. He said: "I was doing these tests to prepare the defence to clear my name."

Lord Justice O'Connor said to Dr Skuse: "It looks as though you are preparing for a libel action?" Dr Skuse agreed that he was.

He told the court: "I had a good name in the world in general apart from the Home Office. I was doing my tests to get my case together against the denigration put forward publicly."

Dr Skuse said he carried out tests on playing cards as long ago as 1974 because the Irishmen held by police had been playing cards on a train journey. He denied that he was looking to see if nitrocellulose was present and would influence the test.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

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Police sergeant is jailed for burglary

By Craig Seton

A police sergeant suspected of being a burglar was caught when detectives secretly sprinkled his uniform with an invisible marking agent and put a monitoring device in his panda car, Warwick Crown Court was told yesterday.

The court was told that the bugging device helped detectives to monitor the movements of Sergeant Graham Willington, aged 43, a police officer for 23 years, when he carried out the burglaries while on night duty.

The sergeant was finally trapped after the marking agent provided by forensic scientists was found in a building he had burgled.

Yesterday Sgt Willington, of Lewis Road, Radford Semele, near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, was jailed for four years after he admitted four charges of burglary at commercial and industrial premises and asked for six other similar offences to be taken into consideration.

Jailing him, Mr Justice Tucker said: "It was a gross breach of confidence and trust. If confidence in the integrity of the police force is to be maintained it is essential that those who breach it should be punished. The sentence is therefore exemplary and a deterrent."

Mr Christopher Tickle, for the prosecution, said that Sgt

Soft drink choice for drivers

By Ruth Gledhill

A wider choice of soft drinks must be served in public houses to help lower the number of deaths and injuries caused by drinking and driving, Mr Peter Bottomley, the Minister for Roads and Traffic, said yesterday.

"Most people understand there is a serious problem with drinking and driving in this country. We must persuade them to take the next step towards changing their behaviour," he said.

Opening a low-alcohol bar at the Samuel Pepys public house in Mayfair, west London, Mr Bottomley said: "In the next 12 hours, another four people will have died as a result of mixing alcohol and road use. Up to 1,200 people will die in the next 12 months as a result of drinkers who are over the limit."

"About 8,000 drink-drivers will be charged by police in the next month. Half will be more than two times over the legal limit. The so-called accident that follows drink-driving is not an accident. It is the result of mixing drinking with car keys," he said.

"If we start giving people a choice of drink, they will take it."

"The aim is to make drinking and driving as unacceptable as smoking in church."

Stargazer sets world record

By Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent
Sotheby's achieved double the previous world record for a scientific instrument yesterday when it sold a rare Erasmus Habermel astronomical compendium for £181,500 (estimate £40,000 to £60,000) in London.

The compendium's cover is fashioned in gilt, brass and silver, and includes a compass as well as relief figures of angels, the engraving of a perpetual calendar and zodiac signs.

A continental private collector bought the instrument, which was made in Prague in 1597 and came from the heirs of the Austro-Hungarian industrialist, Ritter Rodolf von Gutmann, whose collection is being dispersed.

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Sotheby's set the previous record in January 1986 with £90,000 for a circa 1750 microscope.

Other high prices at the sale included that of £68,200 for a brass mechanical ring dial by John Rowley, "Master of Mechanism to the King" as the inscription says.

Rowley took on that role within six months of George I's accession in 1714. The dial is similar to one he made for Peter the Great, showing both the hours and the minutes.

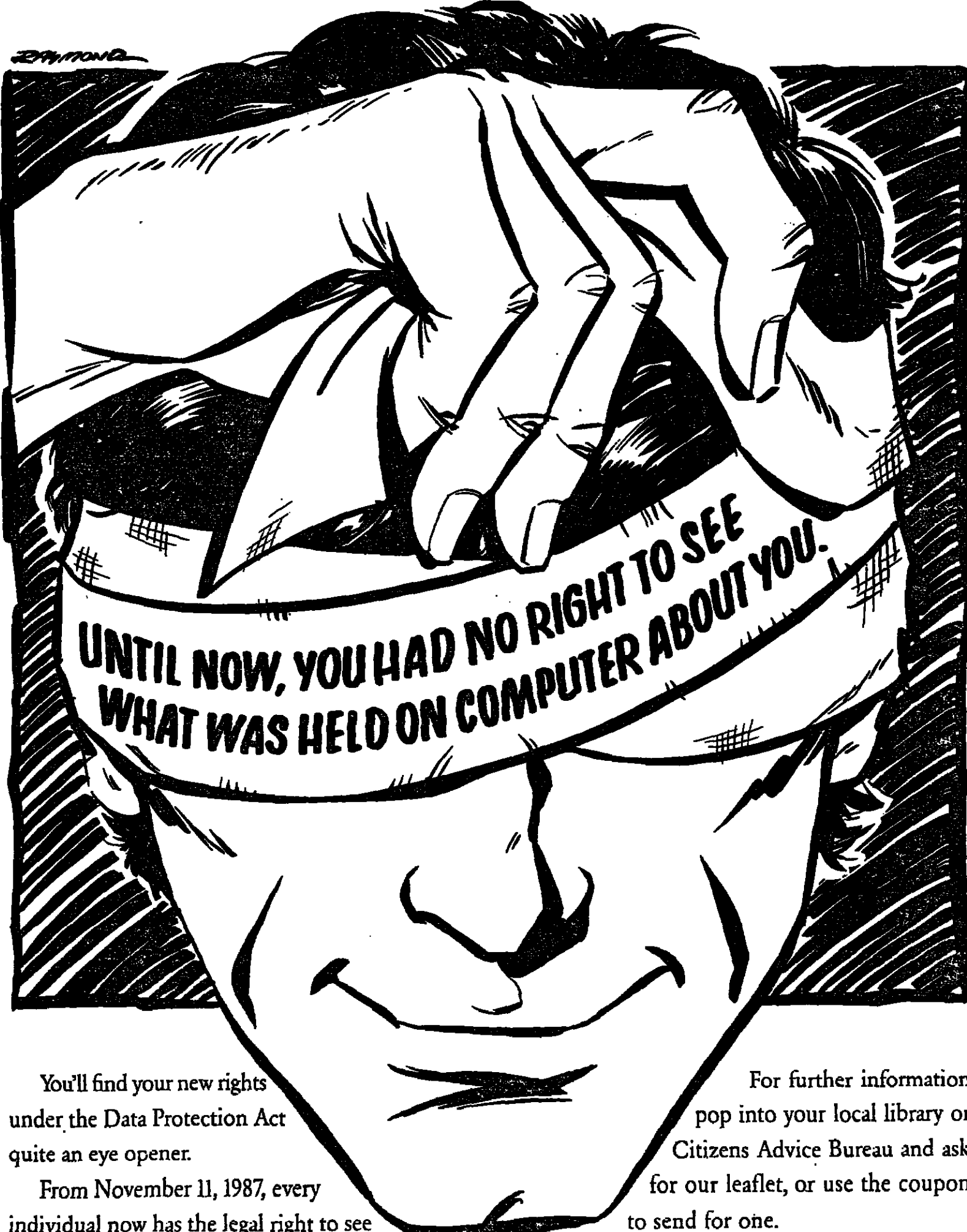
The continental collector who bought this piece also spent £57,200, nearly £50,000 over the estimate, for a Paul

Reinman diptych dated 1686. The sale raised £467,270, with 8 per cent bought in.

Sotheby's also had a nineteenth century picture sale in Amsterdam, which went well. Top price was for a Dutch winter landscape by Andreas Schelfhout which sold for £88,834 to a Dutch private buyer.

An Impressionistic Parisian cafe scene by Isaac Israëls sold for £40,379, more than three times its estimate.

Sotheby's New York is to sell a collection of Dutch and Flemish Old Master paintings estimated at more than 20 million dollars belonging to the real estate investor, Gerald Gorman, in January.



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PARLIAMENT

Government gift of £10m to help haemophiliacs

The Government is to make a grant of £10 million to help the Haemophilia Society set up a trust fund to help haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus as a result of treatment with infected blood products.

The announcement was made by Mr Tony Newton, Minister of Health, in the absence of Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Services.

He said that the position under successive governments had been that, while compensation might be sought through the courts if there was a question of negligence, there was no state scheme of "no-fault" compensation for those damaged by medical treatment.

The Haemophilia Society have, however, put to us a powerful case that the position of haemophiliacs is wholly exceptional and should be treated as such (cheers).

"Their employment prospects and insurance status were already affected by the haemophilia itself. The treatment that led to their infection was designed to help them to live as near a normal life as possible."

"The hereditary nature of haemophilia can, and in some cases, does, mean that more than one member of the same family may be affected."

The Government, having considered all the circumstances, had concluded that it would be right to recognize the unique position of haemophiliacs infected with the virus.

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The Government would therefore make an ex-gratia grant of £10 million to the Haemophilia Society to enable it to set up a special trust fund.

The society would be able to make payments to affected individuals and families throughout the United Kingdom, and to do so with greater flexibility than could be achieved in any other way.

The society had warmly welcomed the proposal and had asked for advice and assistance in administering the fund, which the Department of Health and Social Services had agreed to arrange.

No sum of money could compensate for the prejudice against the children of haemophiliacs infected with Aids virus because they had been treated with infected blood products, Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health and social security, said after Mr Newton had made the announcement of a new fund to help them.

Mr Cook said that any MP who had attended the lobby held by infected haemophiliacs in October, and had witnessed their courage and restraint, would welcome the statement that the Government had a duty to help them.

The minister's conversion was more than welcome as it reversed the position he had held six months ago, that the Government had no such duty.

Having conceded that principle, he must not now short-change them.

How had the minister costed

the fund and come up with £10 million, or was it a convenient round figure?

"It represents just over £8,000 for every infected person and is less than half the capital sum paid in cases of vaccine damage."

He was satisfied that such a modest sum would meet the most pressing need, for families to keep a roof over their heads, by clearing a mortgage?

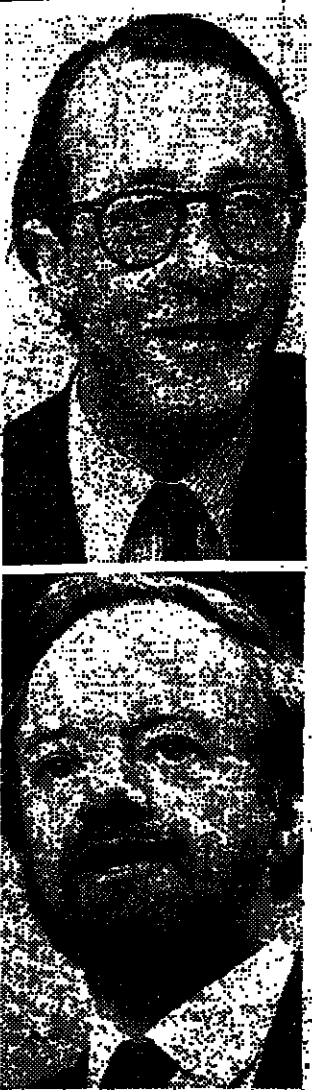
He asked for an undertaking that the Government, with the society, would review the size of the fund. It was unfair to put the society in the false position of being responsible for a scheme but not having sufficient resources.

He asked Mr Newton to condemn "the ill informed discrimination" against haemophiliacs, some of whom had lost jobs, some had lost private tenancies and some had children who were encountering prejudice at school. No sum could compensate for such prejudice.

The DHSS chief medical officer had said there was no recorded case of Aids being transmitted from doctor to patient.

"Will he join me in regretting the latest campaign by the tabloids, publicly to name a doctor and thus force public anxiety. That can only encourage that very discrimination against those who are HIV antibody positive, whether haemophiliac or not."

Mr Newton said that his earlier comments had been about the difficulty of a compensation scheme. This was not one. It was recognition of the special and unique combination of circumstances which he was glad to make.



Mr Tony Newton (right), who made the £10 million grant announcement, with (top left) Mr Robert Rhodes James and Mr Robin Cook who spoke after his statement.

"As to the sum of £10 million, we arrived at a broad estimate of a sum which would give significant help to the affected group."

One reason for not having a regulated scheme was that that would not recognize the different circumstances of those affected, whether a single man, or a man with children, or with a grown family. They had thus arrived at this flexible scheme.

The £10 million would be made available at once. The trust would thus have the advantage of income from the capital, which would significantly increase the resources available to it.

"I wish to associate myself with Mr Cook's remarks about discrimination against haemophiliacs and their children wherever and whenever it may occur, on account of infection with the virus."

"About doctors and the chief medical officer's remarks over the weekend and on earlier occasions, it is my view that maintenance of confidentiality in these matters is essential to the effective safeguarding of the public because, if confidentiality is in question, people otherwise at risk will be less inclined to come forward and take advice which will minimize that risk."

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said that the campaign for this payment by backbench MPs from all parties showed the House of Commons at its best.

They were all deeply moved by the tragedy affecting wholly innocent victims.

"It might be necessary for us to approach the minister again to assist this finite number of victims in the knowledge that he will once again respond sympathetically."

Mr Newton: I am grateful for his remarks and I note his final observations.

Conservation 'the priority on Broads Bill'

HOUSE OF LORDS

Peers on all sides welcomed the Government's Bill setting up a statutory authority to manage the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads. They stated, however, that conservation of the area was the first priority and needed greater emphasis in the Bill.

Moving the second reading Lord Belstead, Minister of State, Department of Environment, said that over the 11 square miles of broadland there were now 250,000 visitors a year, and more than 12,000 boats.

While bringing great benefits to the local economy, they also brought problems. The result had been a deterioration of the water quality and of that of surrounding land.

There were 40 years of failed endeavour behind the Bill. It would be a tragedy for the Broads if it failed. Conservation must be the ultimate objective, but it was important also to do justice to the other legitimate interests, such as agriculture, tourism, leisure and sporting activities.

The Government had throughout adopted an even-handed approach in achieving a balance between the various interests.

The new authority would have all the powers and duties of national parks authority, adapted for the special circumstances.

The whole thrust of the Bill is the conservation of the Broads. It required the new authority to produce a management plan.

Lady Nicol, for the Opposition, said that, although her party welcomed the Bill, the conservation interests must not be outnumbered on the new authority. For instance the Nature Conservancy Council should have the same representation as the Countryside Commission.

She was also concerned that all navigation issues would be

dealt with by a navigation committee which did not include conservationists.

The Council for the Protection of Rural England was concerned that final decisions on land drainage would go to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food without reference to the Department of the Environment.

She did not believe that boating enthusiasts will wish to sail through a dead landscape. Lord Hunt (SDP) said that the Bill was good news for everyone who cared for the conservation of the landscape.

If the recommendations of the committees that had investigated the Broads in the 1940s had been followed, then the Broads would not face its present problems.

The latest figures for 1986, disclosed that 650,000 people visited the Broads and there were 12,000 boats.

The conflict of interests made a compelling case for a clearer priority to be established for conservation. It was all very well to speak of seeking an even-handed approach; however, a priority must be given to conservation and the Bill as drafted did not do that.

Lord Bexton of Alton (C) said that the Bill was flawed and irrational in seeking to equate conservation with tourism and navigation.

He had known the Broads intimately for 60 years and if conservation did not have priority then disaster would follow. Until the 1950s, the water had been clear. Now it was like tomato soup, mainly because of drainage.

The Bill was given an unopposed second reading.

Horns of a theological dilemma

Mr Michael Allison (Selby, C) confessed that he was in danger of being impaled on the horns of a theological dilemma when asked as representative of the Church Commissioners whether the commissioners insured their property against "acts of God".

The poser was raised in Commons questions by Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) who asked about the recent hurricane.

Mr Allison said that the storm had caused about £660,000 worth of damage.

Mr Chapman: Can he tell the House if the Church Commissioners insure their property against acts of God? If not, does that not indicate a certain lack of financial prudence? If they do, does that not indicate a certain lack of faith?

Mr Allison: The members of the Church Commissioners are men and women of robust faith.

'Uncivilized' low flying must halt now, Labour MP says

WALES

The Government should call a halt to the "uncivilized" low-flying exercises over Wales, a Labour spokesman said at question time.

Mr Roy Hughes said that not only livestock but also people were deeply disturbed by supersonic sorties and the terrible accidents that sometimes occurred with the loss of pilots, aircraft and valuable jet aircraft.

"It is time for the Government to take heed of the many protests received and to call a halt to these uncivilized exercises."

Mr Wya Roberts, Minister of State, Welsh Office, said that the department was responsible for many things, but not, for defence.

Mr Richard Llwyd (Brecon and Radnor, L) had asked Mr Roberts to make urgent representations to the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr George

Younger) to ban all low flying at 100ft throughout Wales because it was causing much suffering to people and animals.

He should see that farmers whose beef cows aborted, as frequently happened, were fully compensated to the level of compensation paid for the equivalent of a nine-month beef calf.

Mr Roberts said that compensation claims should be submitted to the claims commission because a procedure had been agreed between it, the agriculture ministries, and the farmers' unions.

"I cannot hold out any promise of a ban on low flying as that form of training is vital."

Sir Anthony Meyer (North

West Gwent, C): No one likes aircraft screaming overhead, but there is some consolation in being able to look up and see that there are no red stars on their wings.

Mr Roberts: Yes. Whenever people complain to me, I ask: "Where they hurt?"

Mr Dafydd Thomas (Meirionnydd Nant Conwy, Pl C): At least one in five are not ours unless one regards the United States as part of the Welsh Department.

Will he therefore take seriously the level of complaints from the farming community, in view of the numbers of flights and noise of aircraft, and support the call for a review of low-flying procedure, as it is 10 years since the last.

Mr Roberts: I am sure that the Secretary of State for Defence is well aware of the views of farmers and of Mr Thomas.

Language must have its place

The Government believes that the teaching of the Welsh language should have its place in the school curriculum, Mr Wyn Roberts, Minister of State for Wales, told MPs during questions.

He said that where Welsh was the medium of teaching, then it would be included in the core curriculum.

He expected to publish soon a statement of policy on the National Curriculum in Wales that would embody the Government's response to the consultation exercise.

Mr Christopher Butler (Warrington South, C) said that forcing the language on people would not be in the best interests of Welsh.

Mr Roberts replied that about 80 per cent of children were not taught in Welsh.

Hurd says he hopes there is consensus on immigration

HOME OFFICE

The Home Secretary said during a debate on the Immigration Bill that he hoped that there was broad political consensus that the days of unrestricted primary immigration were over.

Moving the second reading of the Bill, Mr Douglas Hurd said that it amended the 1971 Act while leaving it as the foundation of Britain's system of immigration control.

That Act had been introduced in the belief that there was a limit to which a society could accept large numbers of people from different cultures without unacceptable social tensions.

That remained the Government's view. It was not an anti-immigrant view but a realistic one.

It was not in the interests of the ethnic minorities themselves if there was a prospect of further mass inward movement

because that prospect could only increase social tensions, particularly in the inner cities. Firm immigration control was essential if they were to foster good community relations.

Between 1979 and 1985, the number of people coming to Britain for settlement fell from 70,000 to 55,000.

The figure for 1986, when there were special factors after changes in the rules and practices, was even lower at 47,000.

He hoped that there was a broad political consensus that the days of unrestricted primary immigration were over.

This Bill gave further evidence of the Government's determination to carry through

its commitment to firm but fair immigration controls into practice.

Immigration control was under considerable pressure and there were also pressures arising from the increasing number of asylum applicants.

In responding to these pressures, they needed to be able to react quickly and effectively and they had done so.

They would have to go on watching carefully all aspects of the immigration control arrangements to ensure that they were efficient and that unacceptable pressures did not pile up.

Royal Assent

Royal Assent was given to the National Provident Institution Act and the Bexley London Borough Council Act.



Lord Rippon of Hexham (left), head of a parliamentary delegation visiting Tokyo, talking yesterday with an interpreter's help to Mr Noboru Takeshita, the Japanese Prime Minister.

Ministers planning 'road shows' for inner cities

By Robin Oakley and Martin Fletcher

Ministers are planning a series of "Action for Cities" road shows, which will tour the country seeking to stimulate investment in the inner cities and to publicise what Government help is available to developers and local authorities.

Meanwhile, a committee of backbench Tories has been formed to stimulate further effort.

Ministers are anxious to win a new degree of co-operation from local councils, including those controlled by Labour, and they believe that political realities in the wake of the general election will bring more of them "on board" in inner-city projects.

The road shows will be coordinated by the regional directors of the various government

departments involved in inner-city initiatives, including the Department of the Environment, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Department of Employment and others.

They will involve council leaders and officials, education authorities, developers and organizations such as Business in the Community.

Mr David Trippier, the inner cities minister at the Department of the Environment, said yesterday: "I have come to the conclusion that it is no good us trying to solve these problems purely in Westminster and Whitehall."

"We have to go into the inner cities with presentations which will show what we intend to do. I hope to excite the interest of developers and potential investors to invest in these difficult areas."

"I am particularly interested in getting investors from the South to realize the potential which lies in the inner cities and in urban areas in the Midlands and the North."

Mr Trippier emphasized the Government's wish to involve local authorities in the inner-city initiatives, saying: "We are obviously anxious to encourage partnership between ourselves, local government and the private sector."

The backbench Conservative MPs' committee is intended to inject radical ideas into the Government's inner-cities initiative.

The move coincides with news that the Prime Minister is considering the possibility of drawing up a White Paper setting out a coherent set of inner-city policies that would quell growing criticism that the

initiative lacks clear leadership and direction.

The backbench Urban and Inner Cities Committee, is to be chaired by Mr Anthony Steen, MP for South Hants and before that the last Tory MP in Liverpool, who fears that the Government is "going down the same track as in the past and this won't produce results."

Committee members are opposed to pumping large amounts of public money into the inner cities. They believe that existing funds should be better targeted, less towards improving the outward appearance of the blighted areas and more towards encouraging inner-city residents to help themselves.

They believe that there should be fewer civil servants and quangos involved, but more co-ordination between central gov-

ernment, local authorities, banks, the private sector and the residents themselves.

They intend to press for the privatization of an estimated 500,000 acres of empty land that is owned by public bodies in urban areas, and are exploring the idea of offering public bodies the incentive of shares in the land.

Committee members want more relaxed zoning and planning regulations to enable more inner-city residents to set themselves up in business, and greater availability of cheap money. They want more done more quickly to break up the huge council estates.

Other officers on the committee include Mr Richard Alexander, Mr David Gilroy Bevan, Mr John Bows, and Mr Andrew Hargreaves.

Battle opens for a barrier-free EEC

A campaign to "sell" the benefits of a barrier-free EEC to British industry is being spearheaded by a task force of Conservative European MPs.

They want to help businessmen to make full use of the EEC's plans to remove all restrictions on the movement of goods, services and people by 1992.

The campaign has won the backing of the Confederation of British Industry and the Institute of Directors.

They are working closely with the Tory MEPs under the chairmanship of their Strasbourg leader, Mr Christopher Proul, European MP for Shropshire and Stafford.

A special "1992 Club" has been set up for businessmen to receive progress reports on how the reforms will affect them.

Mr James Elles, European MP for Oxford and Buckinghamshire, said the campaign had been needed to ensure that British businessmen "did not miss out."

"A survey shows that 77 per cent of French management know all about 1992 through a French Government campaign, but so far only 5 per cent of British management are informed," he said.

"We are facing the most exciting adventure we have had in post-war Britain for young people, for business life, in fact for everyone."

"People have to understand what it will mean to have a Europe without frontiers by 1992."

The reforms intend to create greater travel freedom, lower air fares, straightforward health care arrangements for Britons on the Continent, the freedom to set up as a doctor, dentist, architect or other professional anywhere in the Community with mutual recognition of qualifications, and trouble-free universal guarantees on goods bought abroad.

However, some changes, such as the plans to end value-added tax zero-rating on food and children's clothes, may not meet with much approval.

Mr Elles said: "Public attitudes have to be changed. The whole question of opening up the frontiers amounts to a positive balance sheet for Britain."

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Scheme for blank-tape levy

Copyright Bill

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Peers will attempt to force the Government to impose a levy on blank audio and video tapes during the passage of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill.

Ministers stopped short of including the contentious levy in the Bill, although it was in the White Paper, on the ground that it would be "rough justice".

They were sensitive to accusations that they were bringing in a new tax and raising prices.

However, peers from all sides strongly condemned its omission from the 190-page Bill during the second reading debate last week and urged the Government to think again.

The idea is for the copyright owners, such as pop groups, to receive a financial benefit from those who copy their work on to blank tapes.

Lord Willis, the playwright of *Dixon of Dock Green* fame, said: "Whatever the BBC puts on, whatever ITV puts on, you can put it on home tapes and steal it without paying a penny."

Lord Morton of Shuna, for the Opposition, said: "Certainly the omission of this provision may save some time in committee."

"But it is difficult to see that it is right to leave things as they are, where the owner of the

copyright in a sound recording does not have or appear to have the same protection and return as the owner of copyright in a printed work and where the private taping of records and tapes, which does go on, is apparently to remain illegal but unenforceable."

Peers have also criticized much of the drafting of the Bill and are preparing to tackle the clauses dealing with "moral rights" of intellectual property.

The Arts Council has attacked the proposals as unworkable and likely to hamper artists rather than help them.

One of the most disputed clauses requires a librarian to be satisfied that someone does not want to take a photocopy of a printed article for "commercial research". To help the librarian, licensing agencies would be set up to collect royalties from commercial researchers.

Lord Eccles, a former Conservative minister, said: "This is a new obstacle to commercial research. It would not only handicap industry, but the methods proposed to operate the restriction would not work in the most sophisticated libraries—and I can certainly say that of the British Library, which issues several million copies of this kind every year."

The clause would mean a doctor stopping a colleague from using his article until a royalty had been paid, he said.

Labour and Alliance peers are set to prevent the Government from making fraudulent use of a trade mark liable to up to 10 years' imprisonment. They are seeking to replace the criminal penalties with civil remedies.

Lord Young of Giffarth, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, argued: "I want to give a warning in the clearest possible terms to the cheats, those who steal other people's property and ride on the backs of the good names of reputable businesses, will get no sympathy from us."

An amendment is also likely to be tabled to give photographers the same protection as authors, whose work is covered by copyright for 50 years after their death.

The Bill aims to make the system of applying for patents simpler and cheaper. But the Government has not yet disclosed details of its plan to set up a patent court.

The Government has laid aside four days for the committee stage, which will go through the Bill clause by clause.

Tory MP attacks education reforms

Some of the Government's planned education reforms are not up to the mark, one of its own MPs said yesterday.

Mr Andrew Rowe, a backbencher on the "left" side of the Tory Party, delivered his criticism in a pamphlet examining the radical measures proposed by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and due to be outlined in a Bill on Friday.

He said that there was a need for change and he was behind the main thrust of what was being suggested. But he was unhappy with some details of the reforms, describing one aspect as "unjustifiable" and another as a "bad" idea and saying of a third that it "will not do".

Mr Rowe, MP for Mid-Kent and governor of a further education college, said he was unhappy with the plan to allow schools to opt out of local education authority control if a majority of parents voted to do so. "This will not do", he said.

By the time the Department of Education and Science has been set up, an opt-out decision, many parents will have lost interest in the vote and the school concerned.

He added that ethnic minorities might take advantage of the opt-out scheme and begin steering



Mr Andrew Rowe: Unhappy with some details.

ing a school to reflect their values.

Mr Rowe described as "unjustifiable" a proposal to allow opted-out schools to hire and fire their own staff, while local education authorities would have control of their own staff.

The MP also said he was worried about the planned creation of a national curriculum of subjects. But the idea of dictating how much time each school must devote to each subject was a "bad one" which would "make a mockery of handing increased responsibility to heads".

Shouting youths are ejected

Demonstrations by young men in the public gallery opened the parliamentary proceedings of the week. One shouted during the first question on Wales that he wanted to put a question to the Secretary of State (Mr Peter Walker).

After the Speaker had announced questions to the Secretary of State for Wales, the youth, dressed in a khaki jacket, shouted: "I want to put a question to the Secretary of State about the impact of education..."

He was removed from the front of the Strangers' Gallery before he could finish his remarks. Mr Walker, however, was not in the Commons. He is visiting Japan on official business.

A minute or two later, another young man, wearing a bright red scarf, began shouting during a second question on Welsh affairs. He was removed quickly before he could make a coherent sentence, but shouted something about independence before he left. Two other youths interrupted a fifth debate. They were ejected.

Mr Walker's apologies for his absence before he answered the first question.



As I watched my precious cargo being stowed into the back of the Volvo, Monsieur de la Mette looked on doubtfully.

"You understand," he said, "I do not know how they will travel. For the last five years, these wines have enjoyed a constant temperature of 16°C in my cellars."

"Pas de problème," I replied, thinking immediately of the climate control. "For the next twenty-four hours they can enjoy the same conditions in my Volvo."

I should say at once that I don't normally use my 760 Estate as a mobile wine cellar, although few cars are better equipped for the task.

Nor do I often buy my wine at M. Henri de la Mette's Château Millet in the Graves district of Bordeaux.

(Oddbins in the Fulham Road is my usual haunt.)

However, when business took me to the area and a well-connected colleague to the château, it seemed a perfect chance to do both.

Which is how, on this lovely summer morning, I came to be explaining the workings of the Volvo's electronic climate control to a somewhat sceptical Henri.

"You dial in the temperature you want here," I showed him, "and then whatever the weather outside the car, the temperature inside stays constant. It even has a sensor that takes account of solar radiation."

I neglected to add that the lowest setting is 18°C, a touch above that of Henri's cellars. After all, it is sudden rises and falls that wine takes exception to, something the E.C.C. would certainly prevent.

Unimpressed, Henri grunted and turned his attention to the

seats. "Du cuir?" he barked and prodded them with his stick.

"No, they're leather," I replied and could have bitten my tongue off as, too late, I placed the word.

Politely ignoring my embarrassment, Henri seated himself happily in the front seat and beckoned me to do likewise.

"Bien. On y va."

A little earlier, I had mentioned that I'd be passing through the town of Mussidan on my way home and Henri's eyes had lit up.

It transpired that he, himself, was due in Mussidan today for a reunion luncheon with old friends.

Naturally, he would not dream of driving to and from such a celebration, in fact he had planned to take the train. However...

Well, I can take a hint-like the next man and I duly volunteered myself as chauffeur for the outward trip.

And so, after a last look to check my cases of Millet's finest were safely stowed, I slipped the Volvo into drive and off we went.

Henri expressed an interest in the buttons and switches and I obliged by demonstrating the electric sunroof and wing mirrors, much to his delight. Encouraged and flattered by his interest, I fear I got a bit carried away.

"Very safe cars, Volvos," I enthused. Henri grinned and nodded furiously.

"The safety cage, the crumple zones, very reassuring in the event of an accident."

"Bang," shouted Henri and roared with laughter.

"Bang," I agreed weakly.

I was just explaining how useful the suspension levelling system was on an estate car, when I noticed he'd gone a little quiet. He had, in fact, nodded off.

(Not a hard thing to do in a car as smooth and silent as the 760.)

By now we had passed through Libourne and were on the road to Mussidan proper.

The N89 is an arrow-straight, tree-lined invitation to pick up a speeding fine, especially with 2.8 litres of fuel injected engine beneath your right foot.

Sticking to 90Km/h with such a car is a rather dreary business, and I'm afraid that whilst Henri dozed, I day-dreamed.

Now then, I thought, if this were a commercial, a heavily laden farm truck driven by a myopic 70 year-old peasant would come trundling out of a side road, forcing me to demonstrate the Volvo's ABS braking system and my own ability to curse fluently in the local patois.

"Regardez," said Henri mildly and when I did, it was an old lady on a bicycle I saw, not a farm truck, and it was my fault, not hers.

The ABS did its stuff however and I managed to avoid her, though not the stream of Gallic invective that followed.

Henri laughed fit to bust and I slunk deep down into my seat, hoping the tinted windows would hide my blushes.

When his mirth had subsided, Henri looked around thoughtfully.

"Combien?" he asked, rubbing his thumb and forefinger together.

"Um, £20,495," I replied and began some mental calculations. "That's about..." But Henri was there before me.

"Deux cent cinq mille francs," he said softly and for the first time since he set eyes on the car, he actually seemed impressed by it.

He looked around again, as if seeing it for the first time.

"C'est tout?" he asked, plainly disbelieving.

"C'est tout," I confirmed. "Except for the number plates and delivery."

Henri said nothing more until we reached the outskirts of Mussidan and I asked where I should drop him.

"I will tell you when to stop," he said, then gave me a dig in the ribs that knocked half the breath out of me.

"I like your Volvo," he said, grinning wickedly.

"Thanks," I gasped, and wondered what he did to people whose cars he didn't like.

"Very luxurious," he went on, "very powerful."

I rubbed my ribcage and fished about for some suitable compliment in return. "It's got a lot in common with your wine," I suggested.

Henri looked blankly at me.

"They both improve with age," I finished lamely.

For a moment I thought he'd misunderstood me, then he beamed in delight. I beamed back at him.

We were still beaming at each other like idiots, when he yelled at the top of his voice, "Arrêtez!"

Convinced that I was about to mow down yet another innocent old lady, I slammed on the anchors and the 760 stopped as if it had hit a brick wall.

Behind me there came a blaring of horns and a splatter of expletives.

Ahead of me, where I fully expected to see the mangled remains of a bicycle, there was nought but an empty street.

Henri un-clipped his belt and gestured at the tiny restaurant we had stopped beside.

"Bon. Nous voici. Au revoir, Monsieur."

Displaying an agility well at odds with his age, he opened the door and headed briskly towards his lunch.

Aware of the traffic jam behind, I turned to placate a waspish Frenchman in a battered Deux Chevaux, when Henri's face reappeared magically at the window.

"Damn fine brakes, too," he yelled and vanished again.

As I pointed the Volvo northwards, it occurred to me that if Henri's wines were as volatile as Henri, I was in for some quite fascinating dinner parties.

The new Volvo 760 GLE Estate.

VAT gold swindle gang are jailed for 30 years

By David Cross

A gang responsible for the second biggest value-added tax gold fraud in British history was yesterday jailed for a total of 30 years.

The eight-member gang used £30 million of Swiss gold ingots smuggled into Britain through Belgium to make an illegal profit of about £5 million in evaded tax payments. The sentences, which ranged from eight years to 18 months, were among the highest ever imposed for VAT evasion.

Sentencing the gang, Judge Anwyl-Davies at Southwark Crown Court, London, said that once again he was dealing with conspiracy and fraud on VAT "on a massive scale".

He added that the fair names of innocent traders had been "besmirched and tarnished" after the gang moved smuggled gold into the Hanton Garden bullion market using bogus invoices.

The judge said the men "had deliberately taken on the

risk of discovery impelled by greed" and had used the gold because it was readily transformed and totally untraceable. "Huge sums were involved; it is a fraud on the whole community."

One ringleader, Keith Squire, described as "a prime mover in the audacious conspiracy", had persisted in spite of warnings by the customs and excise until "finally rapacity drew attention to it", the judge said.

Squire, aged 51, of Lamerton, Tavistock, Devon, and Palmers Green, north London, was jailed for the maximum of seven years after being convicted of 11 offences including conspiracy to cheat, fraudulent evasion of VAT and false accounting.

Another ringleader, Michael Moran, aged 39, of Manor Drive, Southgate, north London, was jailed for five years after admitting two counts of conspiracy and one of dealing in smuggled gold.

His "willing lieutenant" Philip Rock, aged 36, of Chandos Avenue, Wheatstone, north London, was jailed for three years after admitting two counts of conspiracy and one of dealing in smuggled gold.

Paul Moscow, aged 43, of Frogmore, Hampstead, was jailed for three years; Mitchell Hartney, aged 29, of Sheppey Road, Dagenham, got two years; Martin Carroll, aged 34, of Bracknell Gardens, Hampstead, was jailed for three years for conspiring to cheat.

Philip Allen, aged 58, of Oslo Court, Charlbert, Street, St John's Wood, was imprisoned for five and a half years; and David Malkiel, aged 54, of the Ridgeway, Golders Green, for 18 months.

Brighter trips to Brighton



Mr Edward Pond displaying one of a series of murals which he has designed, and which will decorate the interior of trains which British Rail's Network SouthEast will introduce in the spring. The mural of St Paul's will be used on the new service from Bedford to Brighton, and crossing the Thames at Blackfriars, within sight of the cathedral (Rodney Cowton writes). Another four panels have also been commissioned from Mr Pond for display in trains which will operate from Waterloo station, London, to Bournemouth and Weymouth also illustrating scenes on the journeys.

(Photograph: Dennis McNeelance)

Housing market staying 'buoyant'

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The housing market has defied stock market jitters, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors reports in a house price survey, published today.

More than half the 124 agents who contributed to the survey reported an increase in prices of 2 per cent in the quarter ending on October 31, and 23 per cent reported increases of 5 per cent.

Mr Peter Miller, the institution's housing market spokesman, said: "The fluctuations of the stock market have helped demonstrate the value of bricks and mortar as a steady and reliable investment."

In Greater London, agents expect a slowing down in the rate of price increases, but in general the RICS describes the market as "buoyant".

From Leeds, the firm of Dacre Son and Hartley reports: "The market remains very buoyant, but shortage of available properties is causing a slow-down". From Bristol, Osmond Tricks paint an optimistic picture. "The property market remains extremely buoyant, fuelled by the availability of mortgage finance."

How criminals 'fix' juries

Jury nobbling has become big business, with organized gangs specializing in fixing trials for big-time criminals.

Convictions were obtained in spite of approaches to the jury in the value-added tax swindle case which ended yesterday. But police chiefs believe that villains have walked free after nobblers succeeded in intimidating or corrupting jurors in other trials.

Jurors were given police protection after reports of approaches during the £5 million case at Southwark Crown Court, Judge Anwyl-Davies allowed the case to go ahead after hearing of the ap-

proaches and told the jury after they gave their verdicts: "You have helped thwart the machinations of misguided people, or possibly criminals".

Scotland Yard sources suspect that big-time criminals — drug traffickers, armed robbers, fraudsters — have paid millions to nobblers.

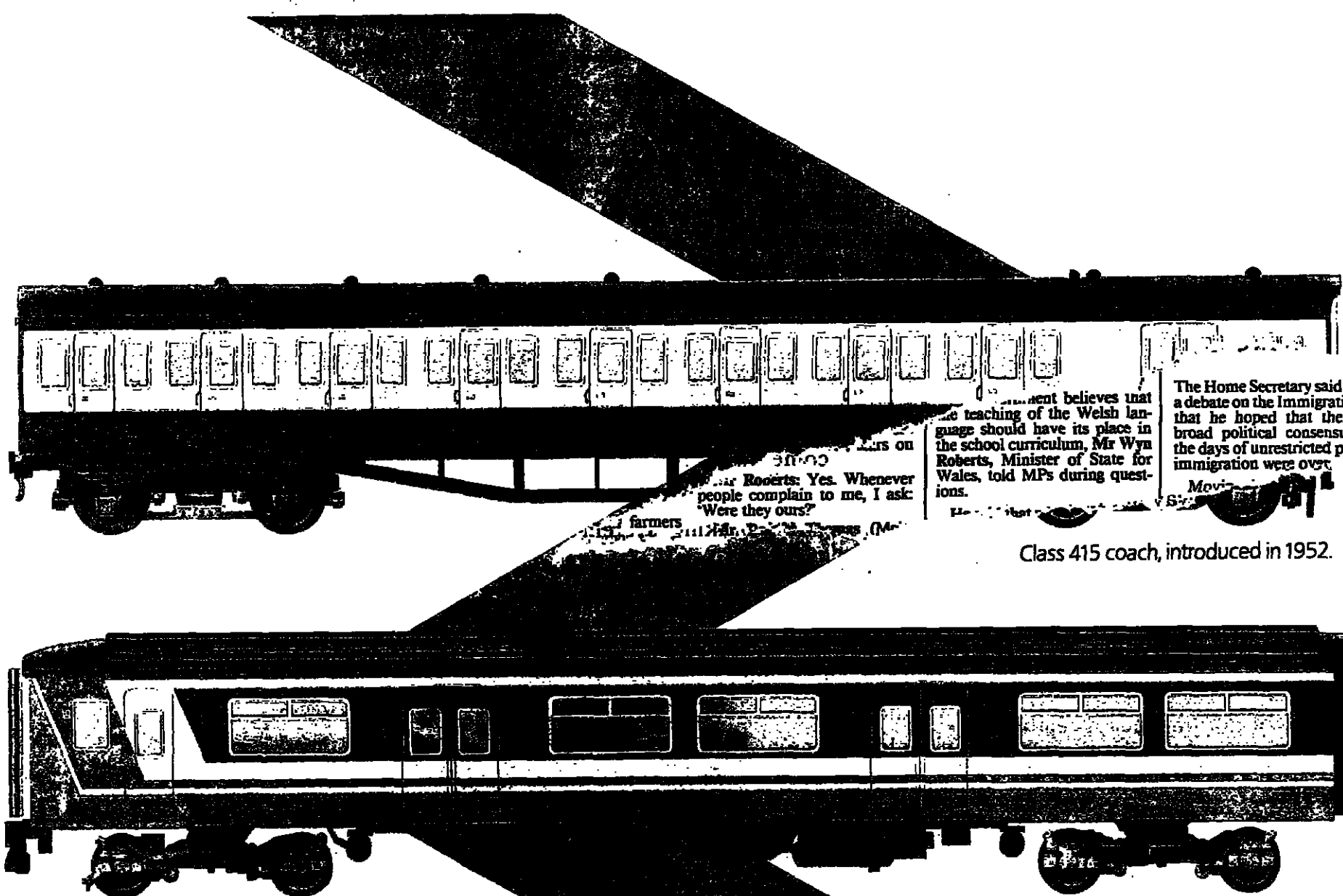
In most cases, to be sure of acquittal, at least three jurors must be nobbled to thwart the necessary 10 to two majority guilty verdict. But nobblers may rely on fixing one juror, a particularly strong personality who could sway others.

The nobbler sits in the courtroom public gallery and

assesses the most vulnerable of the 12 jurors. Invariably, the timid-looking juror is threatened by a thug. The sympathetic and impressionable are given a sob story, often by an attractive young woman. The anti-establishment type is told of a police frame-up.

In November, a Central Criminal Court trial was halted after a woman juror was threatened and handed a bundle of money at a London Underground station.

Scotland Yard chiefs have set up round-the-clock armed jury protection squads.



Class 415 coach, introduced in 1952.

Class 317/2 coach, introduced in 1986.

The age of the trains

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Every single improvement has just one aim: to provide a more reliable, more punctual and more comfortable service for more customers than ever before.

Last year British Rail carried more

customers than at any time since 1980, despite increased competition from other kinds of public transport.

It is by competing successfully in the marketplace with other forms of transport that British Rail justifies its big new investment programme, the biggest for thirty years. At the same time, British Rail's support from the taxpayer is set to fall a further 25% by 1990, having already fallen by 25% since 1983.

As Sir Robert Reid (Chairman of British Rail) said: "There has been massive change in the railways in the last few years, as a result of the investment we have made. We're investing even more now to give our customers faster, cleaner, more comfortable and more reliable trains. We know that in order to prosper, British Rail has to be competitive."



Boxing promoter sues over article

Mr Mickey Duff, the boxing promoter and manager, was wrongly accused by *The Sunday Times* of knowingly forming alliances with a criminal American promoter, a libel jury was told yesterday in the High Court.

Mr Duff, of Southwick Street, Paddington, west London, is claiming damages against *Times* Newspapers Ltd, publishers of *The Sunday Times*.

He alleges that an article in January 1983 suggested that he had entered into agreements with the American promoter, Mr Harold Smith, who had been using stolen money to finance his deals.

Mr Richard Hartley, QC, for Mr Duff, told the jury that *The Sunday Times* was contesting the libel action. It argued that the words did not suggest that Mr Duff knowingly associated with Mr Smith but merely that he was "incapable" or "disreputable" in his dealings with the American promoter.

Mr Hartley told the jury: "We say that it means he was in it up to his neck with Harold Smith."

"When Mr Duff read the article, he was very, very

upset. He had no doubt that it was a deliberate attempt to damage his reputation."

Mr Hartley said the promoters negotiated for a fight between Muhammad Ali and the British heavyweight, John L. Gardner. Before it could take place, Mr Smith disappeared and was subsequently arrested and tried for stealing "many millions of dollars" from the Wells Fargo Bank.

When he heard of Mr Smith's disappearance, Mr Duff went to the United States to offer his help to the FBI, which was investigating the thefts and he gave evidence for the prosecution at Mr Smith's trial.

Mr Duff told the hearing yesterday that the fee of 500,000 dollars given to Ali's opponent was not disclosed to the former world champion, who would have demanded a massive increase.

"Over the years Muhammad Ali received four or five times as much as his opponent, so if his opponent was being overpaid, in his opinion, by 100,000 dollars, then he would demand an increase of 500,000 dollars", Mr Duff said.

The hearing continues.

'Spanking doctor' reinstated

Dr Kenneth Hines, who was suspended in March as a general practitioner after the General Medical Council's disciplinary committee heard that he spanked a woman patient as part of her treatment, was yesterday given permission by the committee to resume his career as a family GP.

The committee said it believed Dr Hines would never again indulge in the behaviour that had led it to suspend him from his practice at South Woodford, Essex.

The doctor had claimed he was doing God's work when he recommended spanking to women who wanted help with tension, sexual guilt and giving up smoking.

He had been found guilty of carrying out one spanking session and of recommending the therapy to three other women, but he was cleared of asking them unnecessarily intimate questions.

Yesterday Mr Jonathan Caplan, representing Dr Hines, said his client had been working as a taxi driver but wanted to resume his career.

Doubt on custody limits

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government's new statutory limits on how long a defendant should be kept in custody are likely to have little effect on serious and complex cases, a study shows.

The findings, published in the latest *Criminal Law Review*, come as Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, has announced that he wants to extend time limits to more police areas next year.

Limits have been in force since April 1987 in Avon and Somerset, Kent and the West Midlands.

The new research, by Claire Corbett, of Oxford University's Centre for Criminological Research, and Yvonne Korn, of Southwark Policing and Community Safety Unit, found that 19 of 40 serious custody cases they examined would have exceeded the time limit of 70 days.

Such a limit would result only "in frequent applications for extensions in the most serious cases brought to trial".

Environment fears in CEBG privatization

By John Young

Privatization of electricity raises more complex and profound questions about protecting the environment than that of British Gas or British Rail, a conference in London was told yesterday.

Mr Peter James, senior research fellow at the Institute for Management Research and Development, said the electricity industry's impact on the environment included nuclear wastes and acid rain, two controversial and intractable issues.

Many saw the electricity supply industry in general, and nuclear power in particular, as central symbols of what they considered to be the destructive tendencies of modern industrial societies. He was speaking at a conference

organized by the UK Centre for Economic and Environmental Development.

Among the questions to be asked was whether privatization would affect the Central Electricity Generating Board's stated intention of building a large number of nuclear and coal-fired power stations.

He asked: "Are nuclear power stations safe in private hands and, if they are, can the public be persuaded of it?"

"What will be the attitude of the new privatized utilities towards sulphur emissions and flue gas scrubbing as a means of reducing them?"

The United Kingdom was a rich country and should be a leader in environmental protection.

Independent status sought for crime prevention group

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The new national organization for crime prevention must be independent enough, through private funding, to criticize government policy, an official report says.

The report, to be delivered to Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, at the end of this month, also calls for social crime prevention, by providing young people who might be attracted to street crime, with alternative, lawful activities, and emphasizes the limited success rate of Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

Prepared by Mr Steven Norris, the former Conservative MP, and Mr David Birley, a Home Office crime prevention consultant, the report is expected to recommend that the new body, known in Whitehall so far as the National Organization for Crime Prevention or NOCP, should be called "Crime Concern", to underline its pressure group functions. The organization will require government funding initially, but should then have private funding to guard its independence.

Ministers are anxious to have the new organization set

up and running by next April. It is planned to include representatives from such organizations as the CBI, the TUC, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Association of British Insurers, and Nacro (National Organization for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders).

Local authorities will also have nominees and there will be a strong representation from the 42,000 Neighbourhood Watch schemes and 300 Crime Prevention panels already at work in Britain.

However, ministers will be told that only about 20 per cent of Neighbourhood Watch schemes are doing an effective job.

Mr Norris told *The Times*: "One of the problems is that it has been convenient for ministers to point to the burgeoning Neighbourhood Watch schemes as evidence of the great steps being taken to prevent crime. But of those 42,000 schemes, perhaps only 20 per cent, some 8,000, are actually really good."

"There is a danger that a Neighbourhood Watch scheme is either totally apathetic and meaningless or that, if not properly directed, it

becomes overactive and vigilantist."

Mr Norris also said that ministers have in the past shied away from involvement with the social policy aspects of preventing crime.

Although the authors would not discuss the precise contents of the report to go to Mr Hurd, it is expected that their recommendations will include:

- That the new body should be involved not just with "target strengthening" to make life more difficult for the criminal, but also social crime prevention.
- It should maintain a register of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and act as a point of reference to co-ordinate their activities.
- It should raise and distribute "pump-priming" finance for crime prevention projects.
- It should provide an advisory service to new Neighbourhood Watch schemes and to councils with problem estates.
- It should organize seminars, conferences and training initiatives.
- It should monitor and commission research.

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Gold top milker for classroom farmers



The Queen has sold a Jersey calf to Higham Lane Comprehensive School in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, after two pupils wrote to her describing the school's model farm, created from an acre of waste land in 1974. The school was presented with Windsor Coronet

Crystal VI after Gillian Holden, aged 15 (shown holding the calf) and Caroline North, aged 14, explained their reasons for wanting a Jersey cow which they could milk and use for breeding. The Queen charged £80 for the calf which probably would have

fetched £150 commercially. The school farm already has 70 sheep, four Friesian calves, a gaggle of geese, three goats, 35 chickens, five ducks, several rabbits and four pigs. Pupils use the farm for practical lessons. Mr John Terry, who teaches rural studies,

said the subject was one of the most popular at the school. Mr Terry has published two books about his experiences on the farm, called *Pigs in the Playground* and *Calves in the Classroom*.

(Photograph: Philip Dunn)

River protection: 2

Doubts over clean bill for tap water

A few days ago the Yorkshire Water Authority declared that drinking water supplies in its area were "better than ever". Mr Peter Coverdale, the authority's deputy chairman, said that customers could be reassured that they were receiving perfectly safe and wholesome drinking water.

Allegations of sewage pollution of water were completely untrue, he said. But he added that the authority intended "to bring up to standard all supply areas with possibly suspect bacteriological quality within the next year or two".

Claims by some environmental groups that tap water constitutes a health hazard in many areas have been dismissed by the industry as scare-mongering. But senior officials concede that the environment committee's conclusion that 25 years' steady improvement in river quality had come to an end, and that pollution was on the increase, are a cause for concern.

The committee criticized poor performance by the water authorities in meeting their own standards for effluent discharges. Improvements were needed to arrest the recent slight decline in river quality.

The Water Authorities Association says that the committee emphasized that in general water quality remains very high. A government survey in 1985 found that 90 per cent of the total length of rivers in England and Wales, and 92 per cent of estuaries, were of satisfactory quality.

In contrast to the Mersey, the most polluted waterway in Britain, another important river, the Severn, is a high class game fish reserve and a widely used source of drinking water.

Although it receives significant quantities of sewage effluent, which in summer can amount to 20 per cent of the river flow, releases from reservoirs in the headwaters and from newly developed groundwater sources ensure that there is no damage to flora and fauna.

The river supports large numbers of salmon and trout

The disclosure by the Commons environment committee this year that the quality of rivers was declining again after many years of steady improvement has been accompanied by concern over the safety of drinking water. In the second of two articles John Young, Agriculture Correspondent, examines authorities' record, and has a growing population of others in the upper reaches.

The association's assistant secretary, Mr Roger White, says that serious industrial pollution is continuing to decline, and that there have been successful clean-ups of other big rivers including the Thames, the Tyne and the Trent. The Tame, a tributary of the Trent, which runs through Birmingham and the Black Country, was once a completely lifeless stretch of water but now supports a thriving coarse fishery.

But sewage disposal remains a problem for most authorities. They claim that their investment programmes in new treatment works are being hindered by government restrictions on capital spending. Indeed several of them, notably Thames, are under orders to pay off their debts, with the result that potential benefits from higher water charges are not being passed on to their customers.

The issue of responsibility for river pollution is certain to become the subject of increasing public attention if and when the authorities are privatized. The environment committee called for an independent watchdog, which the Government has since enshrined in its proposed National Rivers Authority, which would retain the overall responsibility for water quality within the public sector.

After mounting a vociferous campaign against this division of functions, the authorities have now largely dropped their opposition.

Concluded.

Hospital looks for a new Peter Pan

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Fifty years after J M Barrie bequeathed the royalties of *Peter Pan* to the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street, London, the copyright is about to expire.

After half a century of book sales and theatrical productions, the benefits to the hospital can almost certainly be counted in millions.

Now, in the hospital's moment of greatest need, when a £30 million appeal has been launched to save it, children can no longer rely on the fictional character to save them.

"It is an unfortunate coincidence. What we need now is another Peter Pan to come to our rescue", Miss Josephine Lundberg, one of the appeal organizers, said yesterday.

The author bequeathed the rights because of his interest in the children's hospital. Steven Spielberg, the Hollywood director, who had planned to make a film of *Peter Pan*, gave the hospital one

million dollars towards its campaign earlier this year, apparently because the film is unlikely to proceed.

The publishers of a new version of the story, Pavilion Books, have said they will give a percentage of its profits to the hospital.

So far the hospital has received almost £10 million towards its appeal in gifts and commitments. The biggest donors are Mr Garry Weston, chairman of Associated British Foods, who has given £3 million; the Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust, £1 million; and Mrs Jean Sainsbury, £566,000.

The Variety Club of Great Britain has undertaken to raise £3 million and *The Sun* newspaper's £1 million campaign has brought in about £130,000 from readers.

Donations should be sent to: The Wellbeing Appeal for Great Ormond Street Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3HZ, or handed in at any Midland Bank.

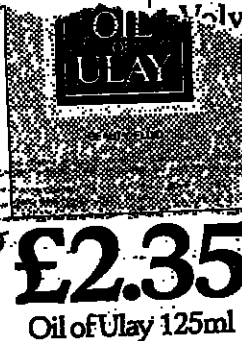
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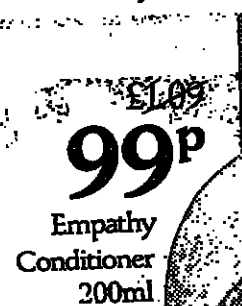
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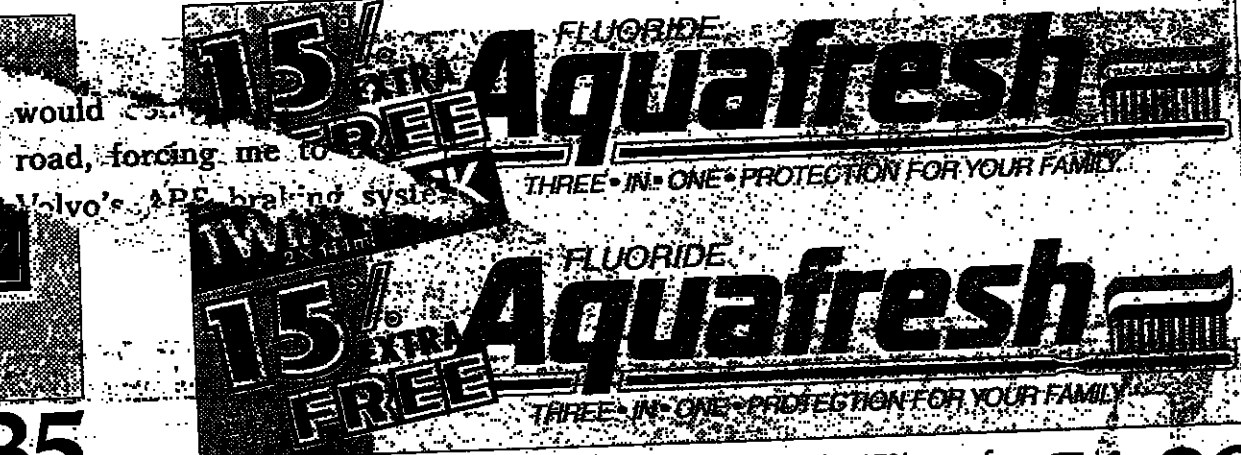
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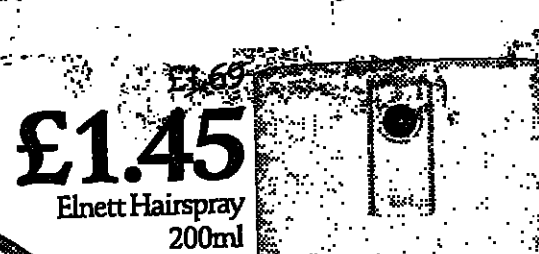
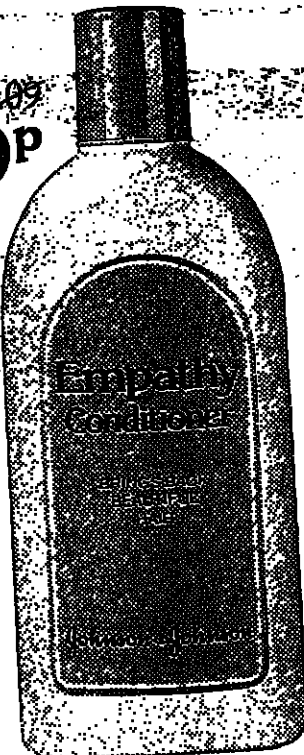
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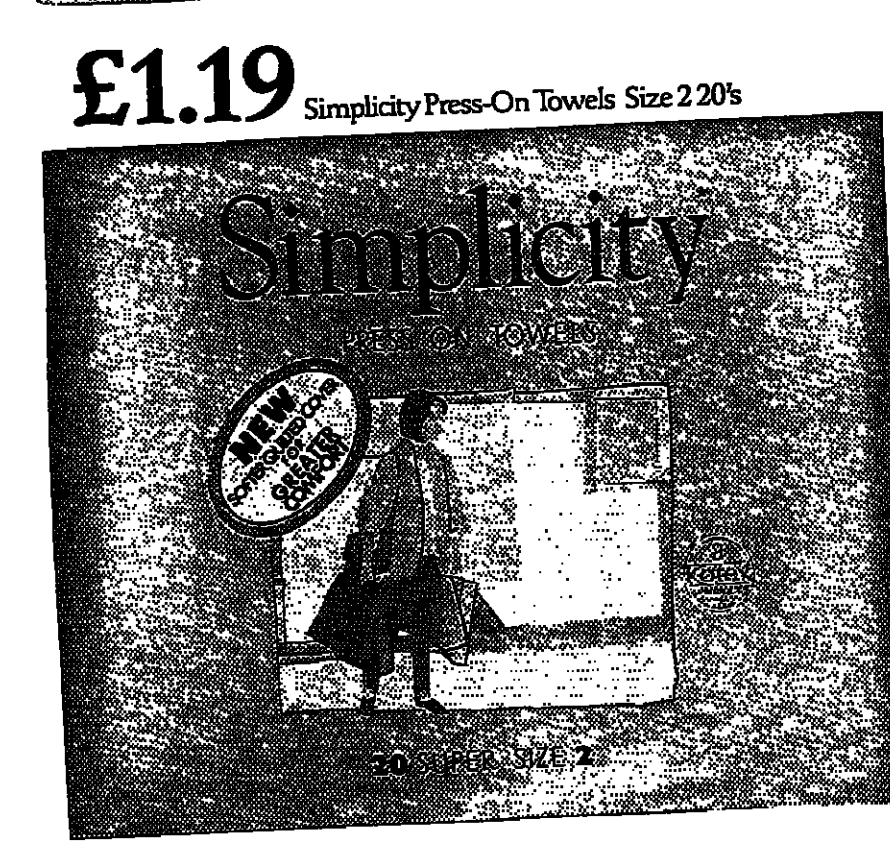
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WORLD SUMMARY

Aids man jailed for having sex

Boon — An American convicted of having sexual relations with three other men although he knew he was suffering from Aids was sentenced yesterday by a West German court to two years imprisonment (John England writes).

Linwood Boyette, aged 46, an ex-serviceman who has lived in West Germany for several years, was found guilty by the Nuremberg High Court of attempting to cause the men, an Italian, a Spaniard and a West German, grievous bodily harm.

He was accused of picking up the men in gay clubs and having oral and anal sex with them without telling them that he was infected or taking precautions not to infect them. His Spanish partner is now also suffering from Aids, although Boyette was not charged with infecting him. The case was the first of its kind in West Germany.

Train crash kills five

Gothenburg, Sweden (AP) — Two express trains collided at high speed at a suburban station at Lerum yesterday, setting a locomotive and a carriage on fire and trapping some passengers in the wreckage for more than two hours. At least five people were killed and two carriages were so badly twisted that they were sealed shut and it was unclear how many casualties were trapped inside. The automatic train control system, designed to prevent two trains from being on the same track, had apparently been shut off while work was done on nearby tracks.

Swazi MP 250 hurt clear-out in clashes

Mbabane (AP) — An electoral college in Swaziland announced yesterday that it had rejected all sitting members of Parliament and chosen 40 new MPs. The fresh intake includes 36 black men, two black women and two white men, none of whom has served previously. The outgoing members were eligible for re-election, but the college rejected all who sought another five-year term.

There are no political parties in the country and candidates are selected by local chiefs on the basis of their reputations.

Turkish exiles return

Ankara (Reuters) — Turkish police increased surveillance of extreme left-wingers yesterday before the planned arrival — and probable arrest — of two Communist leaders after seven years' self-imposed exile.

Police also tightened security at Ankara airport, where Mr Haydar Kutlu and Mr Nihat Sargin were due to arrive from Europe with Communist officials and parliamentarians from Denmark, Greece, Italy, Spain and West Germany. The pair, who fled from Turkey in 1980, say they want to return to establish a legal party to contest elections.

Appeal on Britons exit visas in court

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, urged his Romanian counterpart, Mr Ioan Totu, to allow 13 Romanians married to Britons to leave the country (Andrew McEwen writes).

During talks in London, Sir Geoffrey pointed out they had already waited more than six months. Under agreements of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, to which Romania is a signatory, governments are required to process cases within six months. Mr Totu said he would re-examine the cases.

Deng feels his age

Peking (Reuters) — The Chinese leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, aged 83, predicted yesterday that failing health would bar him from some political duties within two years. He said he hoped to meet the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, one day, but that by the time he was 85 he would not be fit enough for such a summit, Japanese sources said.

DC9 disaster inquiry focuses on snowstorm take-off

Denver crash airlines' nightmare

From Charles Bremner
New York

The crash of the Continental Airlines DC9 at Denver, Colorado, on Sunday — the second air disaster in the US in three months — was the worst possible nightmare for America's troubled airline industry and the hard-pressed government agency that controls it.

Though investigations were only just getting under way in Denver yesterday, the media focused intensely on the snowstorm that was raging when the ill-fated jet began its take-off run. Twenty-six people died, 55 survived.

Airport authorities said conditions were acceptable, although there was an eighth of an inch of snow on the runway and only three-quarters of a mile visibility in driving snow.

Strong winds of up to 30 miles per hour were blowing south down the north-facing runway when the flight began. Airport officials noted that there was no crosswind and said that conditions were acceptable.

Mr Kevin Fleming, the airport operations manager, said yesterday that conditions were normal for heavy snowstorms at Stapleton. Asked if the airport should have been closed, the airport's spokesman said "no".

A twin-engine King Air plane on its way from Chicago to Baraboo, Wisconsin, crashed yesterday near Madison, Wisconsin, killing as many as eight people, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said (AP reports from Chicago). The pilot was on his descent toward Baraboo when he radioed "Mayday, mayday" several times.

man, Mr Richard Boulware, said: "I don't believe so, no. There were no crosswinds."

There appeared to be no eye-witnesses on the ground because the snowstorm had reduced visibility.

Under fire from the public, politicians and pilots, airlines had just started repairing their image after a summer of chaos that included a rash of near collisions, horrendous delays and the August 16 disaster in which a Northwest Airlines airliner crashed on take-off at Detroit, killing 156 people.

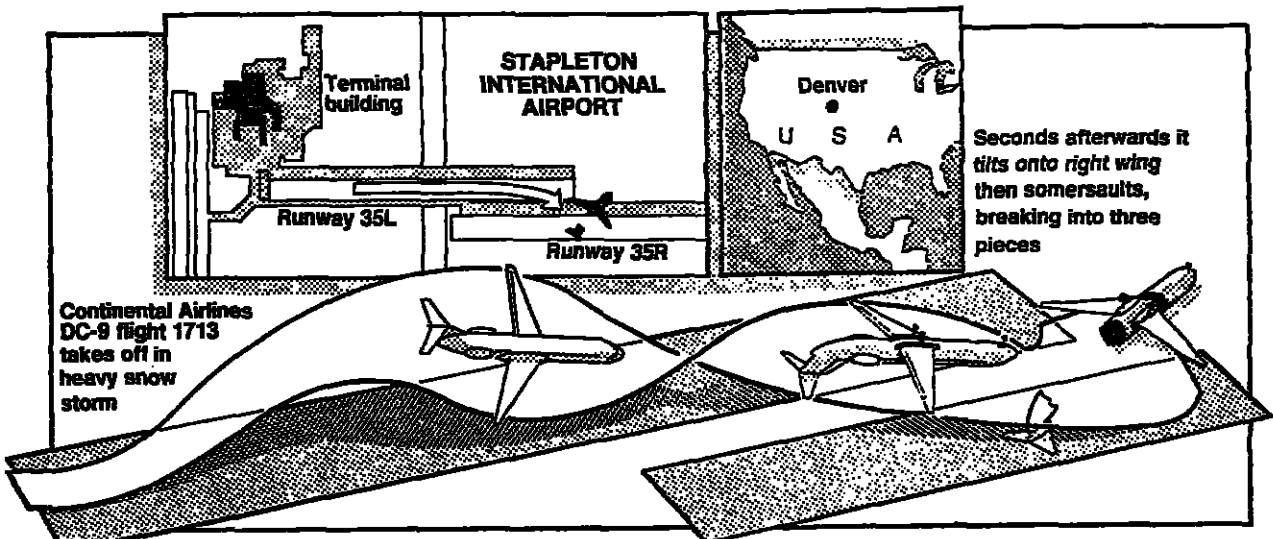
The Detroit crash was written off by many in the industry as an aberration in an otherwise "safe" year for scheduled airline travel, though many experts saw it as a symptom that the huge industry was cutting corners and operating with dangerously small safety margins.

A public hearing opened yesterday in Detroit into the Northwest crash, which government investigators have attributed to a failure to extend the flaps to the correct position on take-off — an elementary step by all pilots.

Since the airline industry was "de-regulated" and allowed to compete in a free-for-all in the late 1970s, the main pilots' union has complained increasingly of pressure on crews by airlines to conduct flights in planes with maintenance problems or in questionable weather conditions.



As the blizzard rages, rescue workers carry away a survivor of the air disaster at Stapleton International Airport in Denver, where the Continental Airlines DC9 crashed seconds after take-off. (Graphic: John Lawson).



The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has just been investigating claims from pilots of Eastern Airlines, owned by the same company as Continental, that they had been penalized for refusing to fly aircraft they considered to be faulty.

The airlines, competing ferociously on the main routes, have come under intense pressure over poor time-keeping. Only last week the FAA started publishing monthly league tables for delays and misrouted baggage by the leading carriers. Several airlines were denounced by the FAA for operating flights on certain routes that were delayed more than 90 per cent of the time.

Under FAA regulations each airline is authorized to set its own weather "minimums" for operations — depending on the type of aircraft and airport. Continental yesterday declined to discuss its orders to crews. The decision to take off is, of course, the captain's alone.

Though it is far too early to attribute cause to the Denver disaster, industry sources said



Rescue teams working to free the passengers trapped in the wreckage of the crashed DC9.

a finding of pilot error could shatter the already shaky morale of the country's airline crews.

The pilots were already fuming from a public dressing-down by the FAA's new administrator, Mr Allan McArtor, after the Detroit crash

in August. He called in the airlines' chief pilots and bosses and with the press present told them to tighten up.

Continental pilots are not represented by a union. This followed an industrial dispute and a strike by the American

Airline Pilots' Association. The airline, more than any other, has suffered in public image from the upheavals of take-over and merging that has been a feature of the American industry over the past few years. It is in the midst of a big advertising campaign.

Lawyers flock to find victims

From Charles Bremner
New York

As survivors of Sunday night's Denver air crash told of their miraculous escape and "disaster," lawyers flocked to find clients and sue for millions, officials from the National Transportation Safety Board questioned witnesses and gathered data on weather.

Denver, high in the Rocky Mountains, had been hit by the first bad snowstorm of the season when Continental Airlines flight 1713 took off with 76 passengers and five crew for Boise, Idaho.

The pilot, a veteran with thousands of hours flying time, died together with the co-pilot when the plane hit the ground, somersaulted, broke into three pieces and slewed upside down hundreds of yards off the runway after take-off.

"The plane took off, tipped right then tipped left," said Ms Libby Smoot, aged 36. "We knew exactly what was happening. We knew we were in trouble. It was terrible."

"We were one of the first ones off the back of the plane. A lot of people were screaming and on the other side a ball of flame went right by," she said. "We were eating dirt. I was petrified."

Twenty-one passengers staggered away from the wreckage on foot before five engines reached the crash site. Airport officials said the fact there was no big fire enabled so many to survive the crash.

Lieutenant Curtis Renfro, a naval aviation officer, saw the crash from another Continental flight landing on a parallel runway. "That flight lasted five seconds, maybe six," he said.

"The last time I saw it (the plane), it was grossly tilted. He was actually up on his starboard wing. When that happens, the pilot tries to flip to left to correct. He may have overcompensated."

Dr Ron Semlow, also on the landing Continental Airlines plane, said the crashing jet somersaulted.

"The plane had lifted off the ground, then the right wing touched and then the plane nosed into the ground. The whole thing did a somersault. The tail was coming over and all the rest was in flames."

Dr Norman Dierman, emergency director at Denver Hospital, said he was amazed at the number of survivors. "It was luck. Divine providence — and the fact that the airplane had not gained much altitude."

Rescue workers struggled for six hours to free all the passengers, many of whom were left hanging upside down in their seats and wedged behind broken fuselage.

Firemen pumped hot air into the wreckage to keep survivors warm.

The last big US plane crash was on August 16, when a Northwest Airlines MD80 crashed on take-off at Detroit metropolitan airport, killing 156 people.

Yeltsin's humiliation sparks protests

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Political protests of a type unknown inside the Soviet Union have followed last week's public humiliation and sacking of Mr Boris Yeltsin, the charismatic Kremlin reformer and former chief of the Moscow city Communist Party.

The protests have severely embarrassed the Kremlin leadership, which has repeatedly tried to play down the implications of the Yeltsin affair.

The wave of sympathy for Mr Yeltsin among intellectuals and young people who saw him as a bastion against conservative attempts to slow

down the reform drive, have been accompanied by persistent rumours in the capital that he is ill in hospital with a heart condition exacerbated by his public disgrace at last Wednesday's meeting of the Moscow party.

On Sunday night a group of 40 members of the newly-formed *informal*, or *informal*, political groups which have sprung up in support of the reform drive held a meeting in the hall of a Moscow factory which, according to Soviet sources present, was broken up by the militia after it had been in progress for more than an hour. The sources said that the meeting, at which all but one speaker had voiced support for Mr

Yeltsin, consisted of members of three of the new groups, the Club for Public Initiatives, the *Perestroika* Club and the Community Club.

The pro-Yeltsin radicals, who see his sacking as the start of a conservative backlash against many of the recent changes inside the Soviet Union, also attempted to stage a public demonstration yesterday in a central Moscow square.

According to the Soviet sources, a formal application to hold the demonstration — nominally described as being in support of *perestroika* and *glasnost* — was rejected by the city authorities.

Even before Mr Yeltsin's

dismissal, attempts by his backers to draw up a petition in his favour had been broken up by Communist Party officials.

Describing the unprecedented campaign in support of a man so forcibly denounced by the Kremlin leadership, a senior Western diplomat said: "The immediate effect will be to polarize the community in Moscow and to prolong the memory of an embarrassing affair I am sure Mr Gorbachev would like to forget."

Against the background of popular discontent, which may pose further political problems for Mr Gorbachev, Mr Yeltsin's rapid fall from official favour continued yesterday when indications came that he

has now also been dropped from the Politburo.

His further political decline was signalled by the absence of his name from a *Pravda* obituary for the Latvian Communist leader, Mr Patras Griskisvicius, which was signed by all the other full and junior members of the ruling Politburo.

Under Soviet rules, he can only formally lose his Politburo seat by a decision of the 307-member Central Committee.

The swiftness with which his name has been excised from notices signed by the Kremlin hierarchy was seen as an indication of its fervent desire to defuse the continuing public support for him.

Government crisis in Italy

Cossiga goes talent-spotting as parties name their price

From Roger Boyes, Rome

President Cossiga of Italy yesterday went a-wooing among the country's political leaders in an attempt to find a new government. The errand liberal Party, whose withdrawal led to the collapse of the five-party coalition at the weekend, was yesterday playing hard to get, half willing and half reluctant to rejoin the dance.

The President, who should today have been the guest of the Queen, seems to favour a restoration of the Government of Signor Giovanni Cossiga, the 44-year-old *Wunderkind* of Italian politics.

In Italy, governments are named like ships and so this would be Cossiga II (compared to Andreotti V and Fanfani VI). The four parties — Christian Democrats, the Socialists, and the Republicans and Social Democrats — who were all certain they would like to form a government again. All four agree on the present shape of the budget for 1988, all agree that there will have to be radical cuts in public spending, that the main problem is the budget deficit — the largest in Western Europe — and all four blame the Liberals for the present collapse.

However, the level of accord does not go much beyond this. If there is a Cossiga II, it should be able to get the budget through Parliament, but it will shake dangerously when the parties try to work out how to legislate to curb nuclear power and how to reform the judiciary. The recent national referendum has made such legislation unavoidable.

Whether the next American president would continue such aid is another matter. Equally uncertain is the strength of the Soviet Union's commitment to support the MPLA.

Signor Cossiga, moreover, is already under guerrilla attack from his own Christian Democratic Party, where some believe that he has been mishandling the crisis. His critics say that firmer leadership could have kept the Liberals on board.

Signor Sandro Fontana, a maverick Christian Democrat, said yesterday: "So far the Government has not been

able to go beyond ordinary administration in its handling of the budget... there is no sign of inspiration from the party to revise radically the fiscal system that encourages evasion and administrative irresponsibility."

A definite position towards the problems of the judiciary does not exist, proposals to change the right to strike remain vague. Somehow we are fumbling in the dark. That is strong stuff in a party that prizes loyalty above all else.

It is in the nature of a strict

President Cossiga: Favours another Cossiga government.

The Christian Democrats yesterday stressed that the new government must be led by someone from their party. That was to forestall any proposals by Signor Bettino Craxi, the leader of the Socialist Party, to put one of his men in place.

In Christian Democratic circles the idea is being floated that the party chairman, Signor Ciriaco De Mita, could be the next Prime Minister. But that would again polarize the Government, for the old enmity between Signor De Mita and Signor Cossiga still lingers on.

The leadership of the opposition Communist Party also met yesterday but they seem reconciled to further exclusion from the Government.

Pretoria hopes to win deal for Unita in Angola

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

South African forces are engaged in "mopping-up operations" in southern Angola against repressing Soviet-backed Angolan and Cuban forces, military sources claimed yesterday.

South Africa's ultimate aim appears to be to inflict such a severe defeat on the Angolan Government and its communist allies that they will be forced to come to terms with the Pretoria-backed Unita rebels of Dr Jonas Savimbi, and agree to the formation of a coalition government.

Pretoria's more immediate goal is to prevent Angolan government forces digging in round the town of Cuico Cuavavale in Cuando-Cubango province, and thus being in a position to re-launch an offensive against the Unita stronghold of Mavinga, some 140 miles to the south-east, once the short rainy season, now just starting, is over.

If Pretoria can achieve its grand design, it would dramatically reverse the humiliating defeat it suffered in 1975-76, the last time South Africa's armed forces were involved in southern Angola on a comparable scale.

Then South Africa's armoured columns, supported by guerrillas of Unita and the (now defunct) FNLA faction of Mr Holden Roberto, penetrated almost to Luanda in a bid to topple the recently-installed Marxist MPLA Government, but had to pull back due to pressure from the United States.

South Africa has an estimated 3,000 troops, backed by 70 armoured cars and air and artillery support, fighting alongside Unita guerrillas, according to President Dos Santos of Angola (Jan Raath writes from Harare). He also said in Luanda that 31,000 troops, 435 tanks, 80 fighter planes and more than 400 artillery pieces were being massed along the Angolan border in northern Namibia.

Angola's former rulers, the Portuguese, had fought three separate black nationalist movements during the 1960s and early 1970s — the MPLA, the FNLA and Unita. After the Portuguese revolution of April 1974, Lisbon planned to hold multi-party elections in Angola before relinquishing control of its colony.

But fighting broke out between the

MPLA and the other two groups. The MPLA, with Soviet aid, eventually got the upper hand, establishing itself in power in Luanda. Dr Savimbi's Unita took to the bush, and the FNLA was wiped out as an effective force.

The South Africans crossed the border into southern Angola in August 1975. The first Cuban troops arrived in Angola at about the same time, though there had been a build-up of Cuban troops and Soviet equipment in neighbouring Congo for some months previously.

At first, Pretoria seemed mainly interested in protecting the Cuneire river irrigation and hydro-electric schemes where the workers had downed tools because of continual harassment by rival Angolan black nationalist groups.

The South Africans were also intent on preventing guerrillas of the Angola-based South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) from taking advantage of the chaos in Angola to step up their infiltration of South African-occupied Namibia.

South Africa forces did not go fully on the offensive until October 1975.

This prompted a much faster build-up of Cuban troops on the side of the MPLA. Then, as now, Pretoria maintained a veil of secrecy over its operations, not admitting until later that its troops were in Angola.

Pretoria's forces, operating out of northern Namibia, have been in and out of southern Angola ever since. Now, it seems, the South African generals sense a chance to shift the balance of power dramatically in Unita's favour — a dangerous gamble which could once again see Pretoria being sucked into a conflict in southern Angola, where it would need Western support.

President Reagan has committed America to Unita by providing \$30 million (£17.6 million) in covert arms aid over two years. The aid includes Stinger anti-aircraft missile, which, according to Dr Savimbi, played a crucial role in the recent fighting.

Whether the next American president would continue such aid is another matter. Equally uncertain is the strength of the Soviet Union's commitment to support the MPLA.

Same? to cutback in his power to govern

Sarney bows to cutback in his power to govern

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

President Sarney of Brazil has announced that he will not contest a decision by the Constituent Assembly to shorten his mandate by two years and call presidential elections by November, 1988.

Although Congress must still ratify the decision, and the President's allies are mustering forces for a challenge in a plenary session, a spokesman for Senator Sarney said the President had no intention to "negotiate over minor questions that are not in the nation's interest."

Last week Senator Sarney issued a warning that any congressional voting for a four-year term would be making a declaration of war and could expect reprisals.

But the warning backfired badly. Senator Mario Covas, leader in Congress of the ruling Democratic Movement Party, said the threat had been decisive in securing a majority for four years. And in a fighting speech in Sunday's debate a senior Democratic Movement Party senator, Senator José Richa, said: "If the President does not want an understanding with us, we will change the President."

Senator Sarney's apparent calm after the vote belied a bitter disappointment at the crushing blow in a mandate besieged with internecine political feuds and economic setbacks. Not only will the President be put out of office a year earlier than he had planned, he will also be rendered a virtual lame duck for the next year and a half.

The Constituent Assembly's systematization committee decided by 48 votes to 45 not only to call elections next year but also to establish a parliamentary form of government. Senator Sarney will have to divide his power with a Prime Minister as soon as March, 1988.

Ever since Senator Sarney took over in March, 1985, he has tried to build a regime on top of political quicksand. Painfully, he won over sceptics by skillful administrative manoeuvres and a novel economic reform that put money into workers' pockets.

Washington — A few days ago I went to see Senator Robert Dole, the Republican leader in the Senate, who had just launched his campaign for the presidency. It is generally believed that the Republican nomination next year now lies between him and Vice-President George Bush.

At this stage Mr Bush must be regarded as the front-runner. But if he fails to land a knockout blow in the Iowa caucuses and the early primaries, it could be a long and hard-fought battle. Senator Dole is in with a serious chance.

If he does make it, he will be a very different President from Mr Reagan. That is evident both from his personal style and his approach to the office.

He has a reputation for wit, often a distinctly acerbic wit. But what struck me in our conversation was his directness. Ask him a straight question and you get a straight answer. That might, of course, be something of a liability in campaigning, but it is none the less refreshing.

Bipartisan policy is necessary

There were no anecdotes, no attempt at focusing charm. Perhaps he was influenced by the tightness of his schedule, but I felt that his natural inclination would always be to get on with the business at hand. He would, he declared, be an activist President, and I could well believe it. He is not a man to disregard detail, or to leave many policy decisions to others. Indeed, in sharp contrast to Mr Reagan, his weakness might be a reluctance to delegate.

But he appreciates the need to co-operate. His working assumption is that the Democrats will continue to control both houses of Congress and that it will be necessary for the next President to adopt a bipartisan strategy if he is to get anything done. His number one goal, he told me, would be to work with Congress to reduce the budget deficit.

This general approach seems to me a reasonable assessment of the position in which the next President will find himself. It is also an approach calculated to make the most of Senator Dole's assets as a congressional leader with long experience of Capitol Hill.

In foreign policy also he seems to put a premium on dialogue. While chary of the word summit, which he believes has been over-used, he would like to institute regular annual meetings between the President of the United States

and hundreds of government candidates into office.

His fortunes plummeted as the mismanaged price freeze collapsed and inflation roared back to four figures. Dwindling foreign currency reserves and a vanishing trade surplus backed Senator Sarney into a debt moratorium last February, and the moratorium pushed him into a showdown with foreign creditors.

Senator Sarney continued to fiddle with government, substituting ministers here and there and repeating, like a mantra, oaths against public spending.

Senator Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, the President's third Finance Minister in as many years, nursed the trade balance back to more than a billion dollars a month. But with surging wage demands and a ballooning budget deficit, inflation continued to rise.

The governing coalition, the Democratic Alliance, trembled and finally crumbled earlier this year as the two leading parties bickered over government jobs. The majority Democratic Movement Party, eternally vacillating between supporting and opposing the President Sarney's Administration, never openly split but is now fissured into predatory sub-groups.

The left wing of the party has criticized the debt agreement signed in New York last month, which paved the way to ending the moratorium and a possible new accord with the party's favourite *bête noire*, the International Monetary Fund.

Senator Sarney's authority was dealt another blow earlier this month when Latin America's largest car manufacturer, Autolatina, which unites Ford and Volkswagen, staged an act of "civil disobedience", raising car prices above the government limits.

Some political analysts believe that Senator Sarney could still turn this latest setback to his advantage. Now that the ruling majority has rejected his desire for a five-year term, Senator Sarney, the argument goes, is therefore free to rule with the allies of his choice.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

and the leader of the Soviet Union.

In his speech announcing his candidature, he spoke of his wish for an Alliance summit at the start of his administration. The purpose would be to discuss more equitable burden-sharing. Although in his conversation with me he did not refer specifically to an alliance summit, he did take up the theme of burden-sharing. Although he would not measure the burdens borne by allies simply by the crude yardsticks of troops and money, this emphasis could obviously cause some difficulties within the alliance.

No cutback in US troops in Europe

It was reassuring, therefore, to hear him say specifically that there would be no reduction of American troops in Europe. Perhaps this might not prove to be an absolutely binding commitment if circumstances were to change in the course of an eight-year Dole presidency. But what he said to me last week was unequivocal and emphatic.

The overall impression I took away was that, as President, Senator Dole would be above all a problem-solver. From his years in the Senate he brings a willingness to compromise to get things done. He would therefore be less ideological than Mr Reagan and the very opposite of a laid-back President.

But would he have the warmth to project his personality and to command affection across the nation? One should not forget, now that President Reagan has run into trouble, what an asset his personality has been for governing the United States.

Senator Dole has the potential, however, of a highly capable President. If he does become the Republican nominee, he would be a formidable opponent for any Democrat now in sight.



Volcano alert: Japanese schoolchildren wearing protective hoods after Mount Mihara on Oshima Island, 70 miles south of Tokyo, erupted yesterday, one year after it forced a temporary evacuation of the island's 11,000 inhabitants. There were no reports of injuries or damage, a government official said.

Patriarch takes meaningful message to Athens

From Mario Mediano Athens

The official visit of Demetrios I, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, to Athens this week — the first by the titular leader of Eastern Orthodoxy in 24 years — turns out to be more meaningful than symbolic.

Within the last 48 hours, the Patriarch not only urged the Greek Government to seek improved relations with Turkey, he also called on the Church of Greece to turn its sights on the year 2000 and forsake "narrow-minded parochialism".

The devotion and reverence with which the Ecumenical Patriarch is being received here, not only by the people but even the country's Socialist leaders, offers some insight into the deep religiousness that is not always apparent in Greece, although this is the only country in the world where Orthodoxy is the official religion.

Patriarch Demetrios has been accorded the honours befitting a head of state, with dignity but without ostentation. It is clear that delicate protocol balances were established to spare embarrassment to the Orthodox lead-

er who, although an ethnic Greek, is a Turkish passport-holder under treaty requirements, and his See has been in what today is Istanbul since the Fourth Century.

The Turkish authorities do not acknowledge the Patriarch's ecumenical role. They treat him as the head of a local Greek Orthodox church in Istanbul whose size has dwindled within this century from 200,000 to 5,000 people. The Patriarch has been careful not to offend Turkish susceptibilities by identifying himself with Greece or stimulating historical obsessions about a Byzantine revival.

When Patriarch Demetrios called on Mr Andreas Papandreu yesterday he urged the Greek Prime Minister to seek improved relations with Turkey. Mr Papandreu later said he found the Patriarch's message "very correct".

Mr Papandreu paid high tribute to the Patriarch's current journey of "love, peace and unity" which had already taken him to the Orthodox patriarchates of the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Patriarch Demetrios flies to Poland tomorrow and visits the Pope at the Vatican and the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth next month.

Arab gains France's literary crown

From Susan MacDonald Paris

The Moroccan writer, Tahar Ben Jelloun, yesterday became the first Arab to win France's renowned Prix Goncourt literary award.

In keeping with tradition, Ben Jelloun received his 50 francs (£5) prize from the 10 members of the Académie Goncourt just before lunch at the Restaurant Drouot, their place of deliberation since 1915, but was not invited to share the gourmet meal which they sat down to afterwards.

Instead, it was from the Brasserie Lipp across the river that Ben Jelloun, aged 42, talked about his book, *La Nuit Sacrée* (The Sacred Night), which has already sold 50,000 copies since it was published in September. It is a fable about the emancipation of "Zahra", a woman living in the south of Morocco, who throws off her bonds when her father dies on the sacred 27th night of Ramadan.

The selection of this well-known writer and poet, who only writes in French, is bound to have political as well as literary repercussions. Mr Ben Jelloun himself says his book is a bridge between France and the Maghreb and his prize will concern a generation of young North Africans who often feel threatened.

A leading Moroccan journalist in Paris put it more bluntly. "It is an anti-Le Pen prize," he said, referring to the National Front leader's recent attacks on North African journalists working in France.



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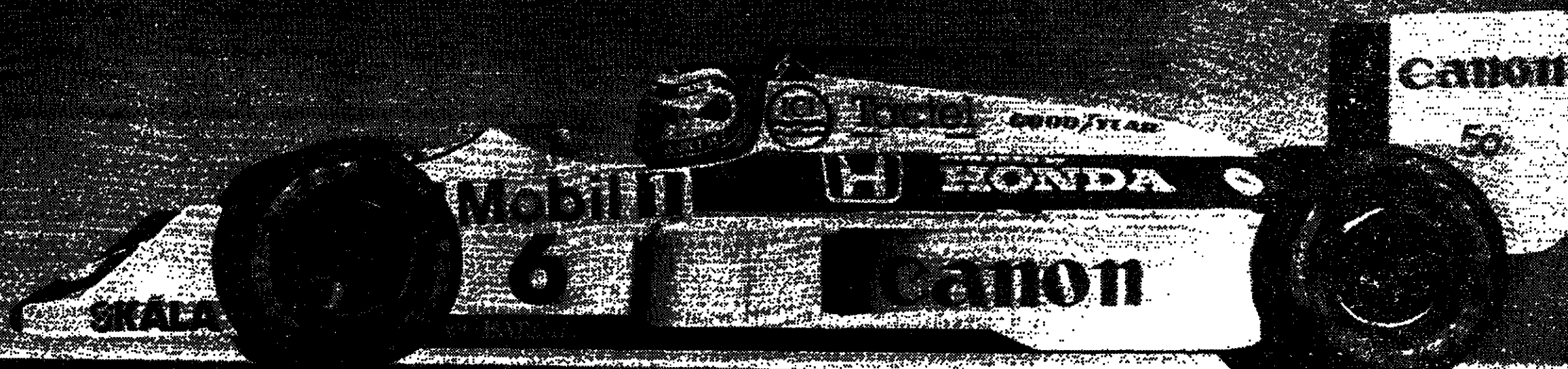
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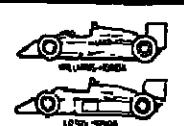
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Winter brings new round of austerity in Eastern Europe

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

For East Europeans, November is the cruellest month. As the first snow fell on the Carpathians this week, Communist regimes, almost without exception, unveiled new austerity measures and triggered off panic buying.

In Yugoslavia, drastic price rises announced at the weekend heralded a new winter of belt-tightening. In Romania, emergency power-saving measures announced last week will consign a hapless population into another sub-zero Advent, while in Hungary — so long the "success story" of Eastern Europe — imminent fiscal reforms have set off panic buying in Budapest.

In Poland, where on the 29th of this month, Poles will have a chance of registering what they think of their Government's economic reforms in a referendum, announced price rises remain so far the only tangible result of the long-awaited "Second Stage of economic reform". The First Stage, originating in 1982, has proved equally difficult for Poles to assess and widespread scepticism exists as to the possible success of the second.

Already the banned Soli-

darity movement has called for a boycott of the referendum, so as to prevent the Government being given what one of their spokesmen called "a blank cheque" for official policies. The Catholic Church has also infuriated the Government by distancing itself from the referendum; neither advising Poles to vote or not to vote on November 29.

In the meantime, as the Polish Government ends subsidies, basic foodstuffs are expected to rise by about 110 per cent; coal, electricity and rents by between 140 to 200 per cent. As a result of this, inflation next year in Poland is expected to run at about 50 per cent.

Inflation in Yugoslavia at this time, will most likely break the 200 per cent barrier. In its anti-inflation programme announced at the weekend, after several days of controversial debate in the Parliament, the Yugoslav Government is doubling prices of basic foodstuffs. At the same time, it is freezing and in some cases even cutting salaries.

In Hungary, where market forces have already been allowed limited sway in recent

years, new fiscal laws due to come into effect on January 1 next year will effectively cut many Hungarian incomes by as much as 25 per cent.

For the first time in the history of a communist country, personal tax forms and VAT will be introduced, so forcing, as one Hungarian put it recently, "the communist worker to pay capitalist taxes".

But however difficult the coming year is for the Hungarians, they at least can always take comfort in the fact that their southern neighbour, Romania, is once again enjoying its annual excursion into the lifestyle of the Middle Ages. There, with queues far longer than anything in Poland, wages far lower than anything in Hungary and poverty far greater than anything in Yugoslavia, a pitiful standard of living and food shortages become inescapable facts of life.

The new fuel conserving measures recently announced in Bucharest seem set to tax even further that long suffering peoples patience. Electric heaters will this winter only be allowed to function for one hour a day.

Princess assured that her visit counts



The Princess Royal admiring garlands presented to her yesterday during a visit to a school in one of Bangkok's slum areas. The princess, putting her 17 years of work as President of the Save the Children Fund on the line, yesterday bluntly asked the people in the Bangkok slum: "Does my visit do some good or is it

just cosmetic?" (Neil Kelly writes). Speaking at the railway slum alongside the tracks running into the main rail terminal, where Save the Children Fund this year gave \$8,000 to build a kindergarten, the princess asked: "Does the money for the school truly help?" Father Joe Maier, an American priest whose

work in the Bangkok slums is legendary, said: "Your visit cuts a lot of ice... by coming here you have guaranteed real support for these people." The deputy Governor of Bangkok, Mrs Amporn Pookanorn, told the princess that her visit had released funds to make many local improvements for the community of 1,000.

Chun sets one-month countdown to election

Seoul (AP) — President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea formally announced that the first direct presidential elections in 16 years will be held on December 16, as police went on alert after a weekend of campaign violence.

Immediately after the announcement, representatives for the government candidate, Mr Roh Tae Woo, and the main candidates of the divided opposition, Mr Kim Young Sam, Mr Kim Dae Jung and Mr Kim Jong Pil, registered them to run.

Spanish crash

Madrid (Reuters) — Eight people were killed and more than 30 were injured when the bus taking them to work here skidded off a road near Toledo.

O'Neill ill

Boston (Reuters) — The retired Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, aged 74, is to undergo rectal surgery here this week.

Home again

Melbourne (Reuters) — Nuran Orag, a 10-year-old Turkish girl, was sent back to her family in West Germany after arriving in Australia from Frankfurt without a passport or ticket earlier in the day.

Bahamas in crisis

Sanction fears for Pindling

From Alan Tomlinson, Nassau

Despite its sixth successive election victory five months ago, the Government of the Bahamas is under pressure from all sides to stamp out deep-seated political and police corruption.

Its closest neighbour, the United States, is hinting that the tiny nation of 250,000 people scattered over 700 islands could face sanctions unless it clamps down on illegal drug-trafficking.

Moreover, the Bahamian courts are examining allegations of widespread irregularities in the June ballot amid speculation that the election may have to be held again.

The Western hemisphere's oldest Parliament outside Westminster is becoming un-

immunity, out of lack of confidence in the police.

The police and the Government, including the Prime Minister, Sir Lynden Pindling, were severely criticized by a 1984 inquiry linking official corruption at almost every level of Bahamian life to the multi-million pound narcotics trade. But despite the damning report, only one member of the Government has since been sacked and two policemen prosecuted.

The United States, though satisfied with the co-operation it now receives in intercepting some of the estimated \$10 billion (\$6.25 billion) worth of drugs that are shipped annually through the Bahamas, is disappointed about what it sees as a lack of political will to tackle the corruption on which the drug trade thrives.

Legislation was passed last month in the US Senate which could result in sanctions being imposed against countries failing to fight wholeheartedly against drug-running.

In Parliament last week a succession of government and opposition MPs lambasted the Pindling administration for inaction. "We have become the laughing-stock of the free world," said a government backbencher, Mr Philip Pinder. He went on to describe the Royal Bahamian Police as "a joke" with half its 1,600 members on drugs.

Yet widespread concern about drugs, crime and corruption in Bahamian society has not prevented the Government from entering a third decade in office. While some opponents concede that Sir Lynden's abiding popularity and political skill won him the election, others allege fraud.

The courts last week agreed to examine opposition challenges to the results in 24 out of the nation's 49 constituencies. One diplomat noted that the Government has continued, uncharacteristically, to spend money on public works projects even after its victory, an indication of its concern that the election may ultimately be declared invalid.



Sir Lynden: under fire over his Government's inaction, usually restless as government MPs join the Opposition in heaping scorn on the way the country is run.

It is against this backdrop that the Bahamas found itself last week in the embarrassing predicament of having to explain why it asked its mother country to recall a senior diplomat during a police investigation into the death of his wife.

Officials and foreign envoys here suspect the affair involving the British naval attaché, Captain Christopher Carson, would have been handled differently if it were not for the Bahamas' sensitivity about its international reputation.

Some diplomats believe Captain Carson may have retreated from the investigation behind his diplomatic

Delhi MPs attack newspaper curb

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

A stand-up shouting match in one Indian House of Parliament and 30 minutes of legal points of order in the other marked attempts by Opposition MPs yesterday to raise the assault on press freedom which they saw in the Government's seizure of the Delhi offices of the *Indian Express*, the country's largest English-language newspaper.

The *Express* has been carrying on a bitter war with the Government which began with it taking sides in a battle between two textile magnates, and continued with the paper supporting Mr V.P. Singh, the former Finance Minister, in his attempts to track down possible tax evasion in high places, and the same minister's attempts as Defence Minister to throw light on bribes paid for defence contracts.

Both these otherwise laudable inquiries seemed to point fingers at people in the immediate circle of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister. Since the war began the

paper has been unable to find anything good to say about Mr Gandhi.

In a statement yesterday, the owner of the paper, Mr Ramnath Goenka, said 10 prosecutions have been launched against the group in the past six weeks, and around 25 show-cause motions, the first step in legal proceedings, have been issued. The Customs have detained production equipment in Bombay, and Mr Goenka said: "For reasons which no one in Government will explain, our newsprint quota has not been released since September."

A month ago a group of printing workers struck at the Delhi edition of the paper encouraged, the management said, by trade unions supporting Mr Gandhi's party.

The reason for the seizure of the premises was that the *Express*, which rents its building from the Government, was said to be in breach of its lease by sub-letting offices to non-newspaper tenants.

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It's a French knock-out



Europe sans frontières becomes a reality in only five years, and it will radically affect every one of us. But while Britain appears to be in no hurry to come to terms with the transformation that the Single European Act involves, France, as Philip Jacobson and Richard Owen found, is already preparing itself for the new era

Part 2: Lessons from France



Anybody visiting France nowadays and going into a shop, business or petrol station tends to hear the constant refrain: "Wait until 1992 — things will be different then."

French television commercials show a small figure, France, dwarfed by the United States and Japan, until France summons its 11 Euro partners and grows into a mighty EEC giant able to push the US and Japan to one side.

Much of the credit for creating the national consciousness of *quatre-vingt-douze* — conspicuously lacking in both Britain and West Germany — goes to Christiane Scrivener, who was minister for consumer affairs under President Giscard d'Estaing and is now a French Euro MP.

"I realized this was going to happen", Scrivener says, "and my own campaign began in 1982." She concentrated on two key elements in French society: the elite admin-

istrators and the captains of industry. "Suddenly everyone was talking about Europe again. Europe, you might say, was re-discovered in France."

One of the consequences of such initiatives is that if you tap a four-figure code into the French telephone network's Minitel video system, on to the screen comes a computerized map of the 12 nations of the EEC and the stirring message: "Europe without frontiers in 1992". Delve further into the dossier, established on the initiative of Bernard Bosson, minister for European affairs, and you encounter page after electronic page of information aimed at specific sectors of French commerce.

Hitting a key at random produces a "menu" of 12 dossiers setting out in minute detail — from the use of conserving agents to irradiation practices — how France's meat and milk producers may expect to be affected by the single European market.

Scores of other industries

have access to similar data, and although Minitel is by no means a cheap service, the lines have been humming virtually non-stop as the French, with the utmost seriousness, begin to take stock of the implications of 1992.

Polls show that well over 70 per cent of French companies see 1992 as a golden opportunity for business — all the more remarkable since French industry, slow to adapt, even slower to innovate, has traditionally scuttled behind government trade barriers to protect itself from foreign competition.

When France first joined the Common Market, it is said, de Gaulle was besieged with pleas not to implement the terms of the Treaty of Rome. Now, Jacques Chirac's government is aided by an unusual degree of support across the political spectrum. Only the Communists, Jean-Marie Le Pen's hard-right National Front and a handful of Gaullist diehards oppose

the march towards a single internal market. Unless things change drastically, political observers say, 1992 is simply not going to be an issue in next spring's presidential elections.

France has sought all along to depict a "Europe without frontiers" as a vital means with which to meet the threat of domination — economic and otherwise — from the United States, Japan and, increasingly, the Communist bloc.

An entertaining TV sequence shows a small but pugacious boxer in tricolour shorts, squaring up to hulking opponents from these three competitors. As they close in, he whistles up his 11 mates from the other EEC nations (each wearing appropriate shorts) and, to quote Bosson, "Europe stands tall, free and independent, a good friend but not to be pushed around".

Those who have come to perceive France, rightly or wrongly, as the most self-centred member of the EEC would be surprised by the

strength of the Euro-sentiment increasingly evident around the country. "I don't think economics is the only or even the most important factor involved here," Bosson says. "It's up to all the twelve to get the human and social fabric of the new Europe right."

It is becoming increasingly common for the Community flag to be flown at public ceremonies and for the undistinguished European anthem to be sung. All 36,000 communes (roughly, local councils) in France have been encouraged to name a *rue de l'Europe* or a *boulevard de la Communauté Européenne*; there is a boom in EEC twinning; and 50,000 French teenagers are actively involved in the "Yes for Europe" movement.

With the publicity guns still blazing, it is instructive to see how individual sectors of the French economy have been reacting. The French national federation of

estate agents came to the conclusion, belatedly and with some alarm, that their business could be severely affected by an influx of foreign competition, above all from the British (we still buy more French residential property than other outsiders). So the federation will open up "outposts" abroad as a means of getting into the foreign market.

For French architects, there remains a nagging uncertainty about the exact status which their 60,000 equivalents in West Germany will enjoy post-1992: over there, they explain, the professional distinction between architect and engineer is less clear-cut than in France. The legal profession wonders whether foreign competitors who are allowed to advertise their services at home will enjoy the same right in France, and if so, whether it will finally be extended to French lawyers. The hairdressers have worked themselves into quite a state over the prospect of an invasion of

cut-price crimpers from high unemployment areas like Spain and Portugal.

It is not exactly a surprise, then, that Paris should be host, on December 5 and 6, to the first Euro-92 convention. The brainchild of former French president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, this get-together at Unesco's headquarters hopes to attract a large cast of prominent friends of a greater Europe. In no particular order, they include Fiat boss Giovanni Agnelli, Bosson (of course), our own Lords Callaghan of Cardiff and Thomson of Monifieth (chairman of the Independent Broadcasting Authority), former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and the single-handed sailor Eric Tabarly.

Announcing these proceedings recently, d'Estaing showed that he has lost none of his way with a phrase. The aim of the exercise, he declared, was nothing less than to "impregnate those present with the very air of Europe."

THE VIEW FROM PETER BORDEAUX

Peter Sichel is the archetypal citizen of Europe. A British national whose great-grandfather married into one of the best-known families in the German wine trade, his mother was Swedish and his father's parents were both Danish, and he himself has become a prince of the Bordeaux wine trade, part-owner of the famous Chateau Palmer and living at the Chateau d'Angludet.

He is even known in the trade as "Peter Bordeaux", to distinguish him from a distant cousin with the same name, who is "Peter New York".

He has always been an ardent and committed pro-European: "The business of the Single European Act is phenomenally exciting, because the ultimate objective of tax harmonization throughout Europe is going to create the most exciting market in the world. In the past our differences have always been held up before us; now we are going to find how very much we have in common."

Sichel met his British wife, Diana, while she was a nurse in Bordeaux. There are six Sichel children. Allan, the oldest, who had his schooling in France, went to the University of East Anglia in Norwich and is now qualifying as a chartered accountant. "There are likely to be wonderful opportunities for bilingual people with the British accountancy qualification, working probably in France for an international company," his father says.

Charlie, now working in the wine business's London office, attended a private school in Bordeaux and had three years

'Certainly 1992 is being more talked about in France'

at a minor public school in England. James, who now works in the company on the sales side, was schooled entirely in France but worked for nine months in Australia.

Ben was also educated in France, but went on to agricultural college to study viticulture and has since served terms of a winemaking apprenticeship with wineries in California.

David, the youngest boy, is studying now for his French Baccalaureat and his father hopes he will go on to a business course at university — perhaps in France, or more likely in the United States. "French education is excellent, and the younger it is the better it is. But the universities have no campus atmosphere, and very little human contact."

Sichel's daughter, Rebecca, is 10 years younger than David, and, her father says, "a typical, sweet little French girl."

Sichel is a happy man. "I just knew the moment I arrived in Bordeaux that this was where I wanted to be. I live a French life, and absolutely enjoy it."

"Certainly 1992 is being more talked about in France, probably as a political means of motivating people. But really what the politicians are doing now is exactly what one would have wanted to see done 20 years ago, instead of bumbling on from day to day and crisis to crisis."

Robin Young

TOMORROW

A citizen's guide to the new Europe

Philip Jacobson

A passion to convert

One corner of the Quai d'Orsay is the evangelical front line for Bernard Bosson, minister with a Euro mission



No going back: Bernard Bosson, committed to a new Europe

If ever there lived and breathed a true evangelist of the single internal market, it is Bernard Bosson. As soon as he begins talking about "quatre-vingt-douze", France's dynamic 39-year-old minister for European affairs is half out of his chair, eyes gleaming with excitement.

Unblinded by the countless speeches and papers he has delivered on the topic from one end of France to the other, Bosson breathes life and passion into anything from Perrier's problems in Denmark (bottles not reusable) to the arcane and iniquitous workings of internal tariffs.

For Bosson, who trained and practised as a lawyer in Annecy before moving into local, then national, politics, the grand design represents a make-or-buy turning point for Europe. "My aim is to get people thinking about 1992 in terms of eliminating the frontiers of an entire continent without conquest or force of arms. That is something quite without precedent, and I don't mind admitting that I find it thrilling."

A bit of nerve is required, sitting in his spacious office in one of the more impenetrable redoubts of the Quai d'Orsay, to ask this unassuming visionary whether he sees his role primarily in terms of what's in it for France. A broad smile, a pause for thought: "I assure you, it's very much the 12 nations of Europe that occupy my mind. But I also take the view, which I hope won't sound too chauvinistic, that a wealthier France will be good for all Europeans. For me, it boils down to a question of making every nation in the Community richer, while retaining their individuality, inside the greatest free market in the world."

What about the British, surely the most lukewarm to such stirring exhortations? It turns out that the youthful Bosson had been despatched, in proper uniform, naturally, to boarding school in Cheltenham for a few months.

He enjoyed the experience, and left as a confirmed Anglophile; he has faith in our European qualities.

"From what we see now, the

British are really responding to the challenge of 1992 in a very positive way. It was not that long ago, Bosson points out, that hardly anyone in France was talking, let alone thinking, about 1992. "Then we suddenly woke up. I'd be delighted if you were to become even more European-minded than us French — well, perhaps equally."

There is no doubt in Bosson's mind that the right sort of publicity works. "Almost too well in our case. It

sometimes feels as if every industrial enterprise, big and small, every chamber of commerce and every professional body is hammering at our door for information."

In sum, Bosson says that from any objective point of view, a country that drags its feet in the final run-up to 1992 is going to suffer serious self-inflicted wounds. "There is no going back on this road, of that I am utterly certain."

Casting the Euro-net

In the French channel port of Dieppe a determined campaign is being waged to ensure that the fishing industry remains competitive after the passage of the Single European Act opens wide competition between the Common Market's 12 member countries.

"So far," says Patrick Bordier, the port manager of harbour facilities, "we have been identifying the problems rather than finding precise solutions. We know that there is a lot of work to be done, because in 1992 we want to be in the best possible position to offer the best quality fish all over Europe."

Dieppe is, by French standards, a comparatively small fishing port, but the 10,000 tonnes landed every year includes a high proportion of high quality, high value varieties — sole, bass, turbot and

Dieppe is set on being a big fish when the going gets tougher

brill — which are sold to Italy, Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg.

"Our problem is that the fishing port is right within the town", Bordier says. "Our opportunities to find new space or erect new buildings are so limited as to be almost non-existent."

But the harbour is expanding: work is nearing completion on an artificial *arrière-port*, protected by a new breakwater, which will handle Sealink's roll-on roll-off freight ferries from Newhav-

en, and the new daily Suardiaz freight service from Southampton. Later, a new passenger terminal will enable the passenger ferries too to be switched to the new harbour, releasing the town basin for development as a yacht marina.

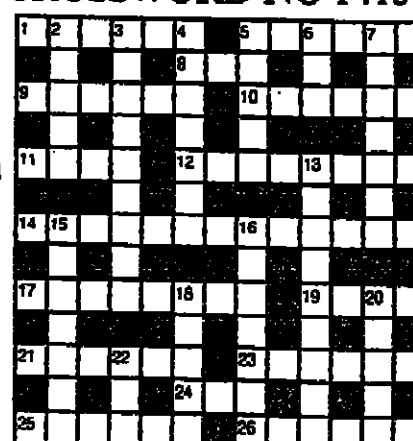
Dieppe also has a fruit terminal, where a new 3,500 square metre cold warehouse will be completed soon; two processing plants for sunflower seed oil; and an export trade in French timber from the Bassin Duquesne.

Dieppe calculates that it is likely to be a net loser from the Channel Tunnel, but the loss of rail passengers in transit is a chance to provide ferry facilities that will attract more day-trippers and short-break holidaymakers.

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8 Regret (3)
9 Upper US chamber (6)
10 Deep shock (6)
11 Gull-chasing seabird (4)
12 Harshly critical (8)
14 Symphonic Fantastical composer (6,7)
17 Unclouded type (8)
19 March (4)
23 Thrilled (6)
24 Intention (3)
25 Gasoline (6)
26 Join (6)
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2 Abnormal event (5)
3 Fine-grained gypsum (9)
4 Actor's servant (7)
5 "Rose-red" city (5)
6 Commercial TV body (1,1,1)
7 Allspice (7)
13 Last Supper bowl (4,5)
15 Oversight (7)
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THE CAMPER.

Le Camping, thought Michael would be fine if it wasn't for two things: Le rain and Le Camping-Shop.

"M'sieur?"

"Um..." All he could see were frightful-looking black puddings and a box of toadstools which appeared to have a wasps' nest in it. Thankfully, inspiration struck.

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What is Eurotunnel, exactly?

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The share price was announced yesterday, and the offer will end on Friday, 27th November 1987.

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Will there be travel privileges?

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THE TIMES DIARY

Economic realities

What will Sir Robert Armstrong, currently battling in a New Zealand courtroom to stop the publication of *Spycatcher*, do next? He retires as Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Civil Service on December 31, and despite his expressed wish to find new work has not taken up any other appointment. Disappointed that he was pipped for the presidency of Trinity College, Oxford, by Sir John Burgh of the British Council, who ranks below him in the Civil Service, Sir Robert may try to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor, William, later Lord, Armstrong — he took the chairmanship of Midland Bank. But acquiring top City jobs may prove more difficult these days since Norman Tebbit has taken the plum ones. Sir Robert, who achieved notoriety when he admitted to being "economical with the truth" over Peter Wright's book, may have to fill in time choosing a title after he becomes a peer in the New Year list. After all, he won't want to follow William in that respect.

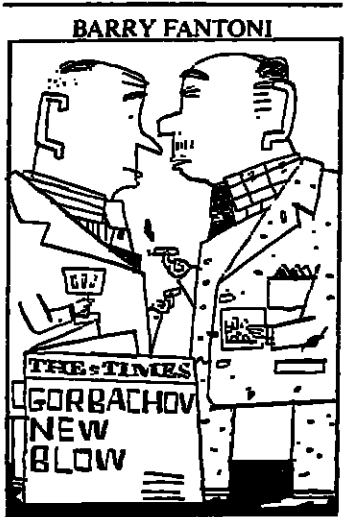
Barry's girl

The chequered past of one candidate for the vice-chairmanship of CND should cause some intrigue when delegates cast their votes this weekend. Marjorie Thompson, the campaign's former parliamentary officer who is now working for Ann Clwyd MP, may wish to draw a veil over her American youth. From conservative stock, she canvassed for Arizona right-winger Barry Goldwater during his presidential bid in 1964, worked for a Republican congressman on Capitol Hill and was among the Californian mob at Reagan's glittering inaugural ball at the Kennedy Centre in 1981. The following year she came to Britain to work at the US military base in Scotland, Holy Loch. That, however, is where she turned.

David Steel is to flunk the Tories in public. The Liberal leader has agreed to take part in a 24-hour piano duet marathon at the Royal Festival Hall next Monday to raise money for Aids charities. Since there appears to be a vacancy for a partner, perhaps SDP leader Bob Maclean, who plays a number of instruments, should volunteer. It would give him a chance to blow his own trumpet.

Stalking horse

BC television producers in Manchester are crossing their fingers that their choice of presenter for a planned documentary series about the police will not put off too many potential interviewees. The frontman for *The Police We Deserve* is to be John Stalker, deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester until his unhappy resignation last year. For the past two months the BBC has been attempting to persuade the Association of Chief Police Officers to allow police chiefs to be interviewed by their former colleague. "We are still in full and frank negotiations with the association," says editor Colin Cameron, full of hope.



Fidofax

Pavlov certainly demonstrated the truth about dogs when he showed their propensity to salivate at the ringing of a bell. A Surrey vet tells me of a client who administered tranquilisers to her petted pooch during the firework season. After a few nights the dog, on hearing the first bang of the evening, looked expectantly at the drawer where the pills were kept. Seeing an addiction in the making, the owner gave him a piece of sugar. The beast took to his basket, happy and relaxed, and not a whimper was heard.

High handed

The Post Office is awaiting a deluge of letters from Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells. It is using the town's picturesque high street in advertisements to illustrate the fact that post offices stay open later than banks. The only trouble is that the town's post office is not in the high street but in a side street half a mile away. The Post Office sign appearing in the ad under a clock reading 3.31 was merely fastened to the side of a jewellers shop for the sake of the photograph. Like the pillar box plonked on the pavement that same summer afternoon, it has long since been removed. "We wondered when someone would notice," confesses the PO.

PHS

One big question of Mrs Thatcher's third term is whether our system of government can cope with big inter-departmental issues. We have seen the problem already over regeneration of the inner cities, which has lost its impetus in Whitehall in-fighting. Now there is a similar problem over the government's proposed crime-fighting organization.

Fighting crime is not simply a matter of employing more police, building more prisons and imposing tougher sentences. It means designing better housing estates and teaching people to thief-proof their homes and vehicles. It also means finding ways to overcome the boredom of rootless young people and inculcating a greater sense of social responsibility before they leave school. So it means crossing those precious inter-departmental boundaries which some civil servants patrol with the intensity of SS guards.

Ministers are currently boasting of the record £11 million which the Home Office is to spend over three years on its new crime prevention campaign. But that is dwarfed by the £35 million a year allocated for crime prevention work to the Training Commission (formerly the Manpower Services Commission) under its Community Programme. Another £27 million is spent for the same purposes by the Department of the Environment.

Steven Norris, a successful businessman and a Tory MP until he lost his seat in June, and David Birley, Home Office consultant at the Home Office since 1985, are now drawing up a report for the Home Secretary on how best to set up a

Wanted: an anti-crime mastermind

by Robin Oakley

Political Editor

national crime prevention organization. "How can you deal with crime departmentally when it involves things as different as poor housing, lack of jobs and better street lighting?" they ask. They want a central focus, perhaps a national commission, which can tie all the elements together.

Already, however, civil servants outside the Home Office are grouping to resist any inroads on their budgets. In Whitehall money means status, and woe betide any minister who surrenders a chunk of what his civil servants regard as the source of their department's status and authority.

Inter-departmental co-operation on crime prevention does, in theory, exist. A ministerial group meets regularly and has just published its first report. But Norris and Birley say: "Usually, with inter-departmental groups, every minister goes along with a defensive brief to make sure he doesn't give away any ground — as happened on inner cities. What we

need is a new body with a higher profile to harness all the resources in a coherent way."

They are not suggesting that the Home Office should take over the money used on crime prevention by other departments. "We don't want to remove a responsibility for crime prevention from other departments, far from it. We are very keen their commitment should be developed. But we do question whether the price of that commitment should be the rather ill-directed and disparate system of funding that there is."

In other departments support for crime prevention initiatives is stronger in theory than in fact. Education ministers, for example, accept the need in principle for more social responsibility to be taught in schools. But those who ask how the new curriculum could be used to help in crime prevention are fobbed off with generalities. The whole thing is being pushed through so fast, and has so many other complications,

that ministers don't have time to cope with this added problem.

The Employment Department and the Training Commission must also be brought in, Norris and Birley ask: "What happens to youngsters who try, and fail, to break into the newly secured property in a Neighbourhood Watch area. Do they go and sign up at the church youth club instead? A comprehensive approach must have some answer to meeting the needs of young people and channelling them into socially acceptable objectives."

But where is the comprehensive approach to come from? In the case of the inner cities, Mrs Thatcher has insisted on taking over the chairmanship of the relevant cabinet committee. But she is already being criticized within the Cabinet for assuming too big a workload. She cannot run every committee concerned with problems that are larger than the scope of a single government department.

"The Prime Minister has to break through the problem of territoriality," Norris and Birley say. They are surely right. If all the brave hopes of this "Social Affairs Parliament" are to be realized, a method has to be found of lifting heads in Whitehall above the parapets of single departments.

"It's pathetic that we have made such small inroads into the statistics of recorded crime, never mind the massive amount of unrecorded crime," says Norris. The public, distracted by other issues, has forgiven the Tories for their comparative failure on that front for the last two elections. It may not be so kind again.

Russia's new tune abroad



Robert Legbold, in the first of two articles, considers the economic and international pressures — and Gorbachov's own reformist leanings — that have led to a radical rethink on Soviet foreign policy

Western leaders. But does the change reach beyond tactics and style to affect something truly substantial, such as the purpose of policy or the assumptions on which policy is based? Is the Soviet mind changing in ways that are important to the interests of the US and its allies? My answer to all these questions is yes.

Like other periods of accelerated conceptual adaptation — for example, Lenin's accommodation to the failure of the European revolution and Khrushchev's adjustment to the reality of nuclear weapons — Gorbachov's passage is of great potential significance. Only the first hints of the change are yet apparent, but, if it comes to affect policy more deeply, the Gorbachov era will turn out to be one of the great turning points in the history of Soviet foreign policy.

Gorbachov's "new thinking" can be divided into four categories. The first is Gorbachov's reworked concept of security. First, he has introduced a much broader and more diffuse notion of national security; this, he has been saying since early 1986,

involves many elements, only some of which are military. In the modern world national well-being, he argues, is often as much a matter of economic security as of military security; threats to stability are often as much political and economic as they are martial; and arms are often a poor and weak response to most security challenges facing the state.

Secondly, he is the first Soviet leader to concede the link between national and mutual security. "Today," he said on Soviet television last August, "one's own security cannot be ensured without taking into account the security of other states and peoples. There can be no genuine security unless it is equal for all and comprehensive." His reason is neither abstract nor excessively high-minded. As he had earlier explained to the party congress, when others do not feel secure "the fears and anxieties of the nuclear age generate unpredictability and concrete actions."

Gorbachov's second major conceptual contribution has been his notion of interdependence as perhaps the basic dynamic in international relations. Politics

among nations, he seems to be arguing, has been transformed by the interweaving of societies and the emergence of problems exceeding the capacity of any nation or alliance of nations to solve autonomously.

The realities of the modern world, according to him, belittle the frontiers separating one society from another and setting one social system against another. They are realities, he comes close to saying, that also diminish the historic competition between East and West or, at least, primitive versions of it.

The third area of innovation concerns the Third World. One senses that for Gorbachov and his colleagues this has sunk lower among their priorities. Their attention is focused elsewhere, reflecting a tighter and more hard-edged definition of Soviet interests. For Gorbachov, the Third World has become a far less inviting place, one filled with headaches and troubles capable of embroiling the superpowers and spilling over to contaminate whole areas of foreign policy.

It has also become a place where the Soviet Union spends more of its time these days defending embattled clients against counter-revolutionary onslaught than promoting the "national liberation struggle". While his predecessors had already begun to absorb the fact that Soviet ventures in the Third World would disrupt relations with the US, Gorbachov is the first to begin grappling with what this realization means for any future detente with the US.

The fourth category concerns socialist relations. With the Eurocommunists, Gorbachov's tendency has been to play down the sources of ideological tension and strike a pose of patience and broadmindedness.

How far the same element of tolerance goes in the case of the East Europeans is less clear. On the one hand, Gorbachov and his spokesmen pay homage to the reality, albeit not to the virtue, of diversity within the socialist "commonwealth", and they pledge themselves to respect the right of their East European colleagues to find their own answers to their own problems. On the other hand he is less and less hesitant to bring news of the great experiment under way in the Soviet Union and to offer it as something of a parable. Significantly, however, under Gorbachov even oblique references to the Brezhnev Doctrine have ceased, and one has the impression that East European leaders now have more elbow room than ever before, perhaps even in the sphere of foreign policy.

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TOMORROW

The Western response

Terms of assembly have been broken down into various categories. If you want to play at Aristotle and categorize:

- Ancient phrases making medieval comments: an abomination of monks, an exaltation of larks, an incredulity of cuckolds.
- Onomatopoeia: a murmuration of swallows, a gaggle of geese.
- Collectives made by adding an ending such as -y or -age: froggery, brigandage.
- Characteristics, insults, comments, editorialization: a pride of lions, a skulk of foxes.
- Habit: a warren or bury of rabbits, a shoal of minnows.
- Appearance: a turmoil of porpoises, a bouquet of pheasants.
- Comment: a murder of crows, a cowardice of curs.
- Mistake: a singular (sanglier) of boars, a school (shoal) of fish, a charm (from the archaic "chirm", i.e. jokers) of goldfinches.
- Chances and puns: an anthology of pros, a failing of students, an ex cathedra of professors emeriti, a cancellation of trains because of an earlier incident on the Circle Line, a rip-off of repair-men, a faction of reporters.

Collectors' item

Philip Howard: new words for old

sports. Their origins are lost in the hunting fields of the Dark Ages. Nouns of Assembly perform the same function as Cockney rhyming slang, or most other slang, by providing a code and a shibboleth to separate insiders in the know from outsiders in the dark. In this case the insiders were the upper, or at any rate the hunting, classes, who invented nouns of assembly for the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, the fish of the river, and then, carried away by the game, for different groups and conditions of men.

These group terms are first found in medieval word lists, which were the earliest forms of dictionary. Until Dr Johnson English dictionaries tended to be lists of difficult or at any rate unusual words. One of the earliest medieval word lists is *The Boke of St Albans*, a thesaurus of hunting terms compiled by Dame Juliana

Berners, and printed in 1486. Dame Juliana makes the point of snobs and elitists down the centuries that it is crucial to select the correct term for each animal, since this is what distinguishes "the gentleman from the ungentleman". Conan Doyle had been reading Juliana's *Boke* when he wrote his historical novel *Sir Nigel*.

Sir John Buttesworth, the Knight of Duplin, head huntsman to the king, and England's greatest authority on the hunt, instructing the keen young beginner in the way to become a yuppie in the hunting field, says: "There is so much to be learned that there is no one who can be said to know it all. For example, Nigel, it is sooth that for every collection of beasts of the forest, and for every gathering of birds of the air, there is their own private name so that none may be confused with another."

Ben Pimlott

When talent is shackled

The recent award of a literary prize to an author who has never been able to use his hands for the physical act of writing presents the able-bodied with a challenge. If some of the best minds exist within bodies that deny them expression, should not the rest of us be doing more, for our own sakes, to make good the deficiency?

This year's winner of the Whitbread Prize for biography and autobiography, Christy Nolan, was born with cerebral palsy and has never been able to walk, talk or hold a pen. At 11 he was taught to type by pressing the keyboard of a word processor with a pointer attached to his head.

Nolan's autobiography, *Under the Eye of the Clock*, is not a tragic tale. It is a book about hope, love, effort and steady ambition. Here is a foreign land, yet also a familiar one: of ordinary affections, desires and pleasures, silently sustained within the worst of all possible prisons. It is a book that raises basic questions about the subject's nature of suffering. Nolan's fate holds a special terror for most of us. Yet it is one, on this evidence, that has contained fulfilment and happiness.

Blind people are said to have a heightened sense of touch. Nolan's silence and immobility seem to have sharpened his powers of observation. *Under the Eye of the Clock* is remarkable not because it is a normal book by a disabled man but because it is an abnormal one, exploring aspects of human existence hidden to the rest of us.

One reason why the multiply handicapped have seldom written good books is that few imagined they could do it and so the aspiration received little encouragement. Another was that they lacked the tools.

Both of these are changing. That Nolan should have triumphed where others similarly handicapped at birth have remained helpless and unresponsive was partly a product of lucky coincidence: on the one hand a determined, devoted family, on the other the interest and involvement of specialists, teachers and friends. But, in addition, Nolan was introduced to technological devices at an early enough age to enable him to use his limited capacity for movement in order to write the language he could hear, read and understand.

In the past few years — since Nolan grew up — equipment has rapidly advanced. Modern developments in gadgetry include a voice synthesizer that enables the user to simulate a range of words; voice-recognition devices which can translate into type the words of people who are able to speak but not to move; and equipment that can be operated by eye movements alone. All these machines are still in their infancy; the scope for progress is immense. Micro-technology in this field might be compared with crystal sets in the history of wireless telegraphy.

Meanwhile, there are many needs: for more research, in

universities, through direct government funding, or by private industry; a few crumbs from the research budget of, say, an electronics manufacturer could go far towards helping children with special communications requirements. There is a need for reader access, in all parts of the country, to such equipment as already exists; and a need for a greater provision of specialist doctors, therapists, psychologists, teachers and social workers and, crucially, for the instruction of parents, in order to make possible the painstaking education and training which the use of the appropriate hardware involves.

The most urgent need of all is for better and more co-ordinated assessment. The 1981 Education Act requires local education authorities to provide a statement of need for each handicapped child, and to act on the basis of it. In practice, however, "educational" needs are artificially separated from assessment for face-to-face communication, which is the responsibility of the DHSS. It may not be accidental that this year's success story should be Irish; Nolan was able to benefit from the multi-disciplinary teamwork of the Central Remedial Clinic in Dublin. In the UK, the only assessment body looking at all the needs of the client is the ACE centre in Oxford (with a small offshoot in the North-west). Opened three years ago ACE has seen 500 children and has a six-month waiting list. Equivalent regional centres are needed all over Britain.

Two children in every thousand are born with cerebral palsy. There are many others with similar afflictions, as well as accident victims and sufferers from acquired diseases. A high proportion can benefit from special training and equipment. Hundreds, if not thousands, of young people of university potential are at present unable to reach the necessary standard because their abilities were not identified and developed at the right stage.

The prospect of these and others gaining a modicum of independence and playing a productive part in society is not an impossible dream. The means are there. What is needed is the will. There are few votes in the severely disabled. Equally, a cost-conscious government should consider the advantages of making the investment. There is the possibility of enabling children to stay with their families, even of attending normal schools and colleges, instead of living in expensive residential homes. More broadly, there are the advantages of integrating people with problems, instead of hiding them. But above all there is the exciting contribution which disabled people — not just those with exceptional talents — can make to the lives of all of us.

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however... Henry Stanhope

That glorious pre-teen era

Teenagers now care less about love than money, according to an opinion poll last week. It wasn't like that in my day. The survey, by the advertising agency McCann Erickson, showed the present lot to be practical, hard-working and eager for advancement in the City. We weren't.

It's a difficult point to verify because nobody bothered to ask us at the time. I was reared before the "Teen Age" was invented. One day you were a schoolboy, callow and overawed, with Waterman's blue-black ink-stained fingers. The next you were a grown-up with a mortgage, a Ford Popular and a carry-cot. There was never this twilight area in the middle.

In those years, I cannot once remember anyone asking me what I thought. No pollster, clip-board in hand, stopped me to probe my innermost views on love and marriage, my preference for bitter or mild or whether I wanted to denationalize the railways. We grew up like cuckoos in someone else's nest, gorging and gawping fledglings, until one day we stepped out and flew.

Churchill was back as Prime Minister. Dr Fisher was Archbishop of Canterbury (what would he have made of gay vicars?) and the country was learning to sing "God Save the Queen". It was a period in which so much changed, and yet everything seemed so immutable, as the nation recovered its breath and its equilibrium after the war.

It was not that we were trying to put the clock back — indeed few could remember the time before it stopped. Nor were we in any way irresponsible. We were carelessly, joyously irresponsible because nobody seemed to want us to be anything else. We were simply in the business of growing up.

I say I cannot remember what we thought. In truth I cannot remember thinking anything at all except about girls, more girls and Derby County. The Coal and Steel Community, Stalin's death and the fall of King Farouk were as nothing compared with seeing Compton bat at Lord's.

I certainly can't remember thinking much about making money. Money was something one earned as birds caught worms

or as chickens pecked for corn in the farm next door. I opened my first pay packet (a small manilla envelope containing eight crisp £1 notes) with mild surprise. Indeed, I am still gratified that anyone pays me anything at all.

Not many of us were devoted to good works. Few wanted to go off to Central Africa or work among the under-privileged at home. There were no peace movements, no "community" fixation and no over-riding concern for human rights. No processions of bearded anoraks shuffled on damp Sundays to Hyde Park, demanding the overthrow of distant governments — as well as our own. The only student demonstration I took part in was to press for a bonfire site on Guy Fawkes night.

It was not that we lacked ideals and were uncaring. It was simply that after the war there seemed to be nothing left to fight for that couldn't wait. Things were somehow going to get better, given time. Meanwhile...

It was the 1960s crowd, not ours, who gave teenagers a generation of their own. Inspired by the Beatles and Mary Quant, and exploited by a lot of sharp-suited marketing men, they actually thought that the people out there were listening. "Make Love Not War" said their banners. Well yes, we would have agreed with that, but we never really thought the point worth making. And we would certainly never have publicly cried "Make Money", like the lot now running up to take the baton. It was not that we had any money, but that we were willing to wait until we had.

For all our apparent indolence, our reluctant blundering trip into adult-ery, life in those austere years seemed much more fun. It was a world of Odeon queues and Stanley Matthews, of speedway and Saturday dances — at which girls wore frocks and boys best suits, and bandmen in bow ties played tenor saxophones. The sound of a slow foxtrots in the night can still stir greying memories of those years.

I think they were more fun because we didn't grow up too quickly, and didn't think too hard until we had to. I'm not sure that I want to even now...

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS PERSONAL COLUMNS

For in three, O Lord, do I hope: thou wilt hear, O Lord my cry. Psalm 141:1

BIRTHS

BURGER - On November 13th, to Rosemary and David a son, at Lindo wing, St Mary's, Paddington.

GARDEN - On November 16th, to Anne (nee GARDEN) and Derek, a son, Oliver Mark, a brother for Toby and Philip.

COTTE - On November 16th, in Dublin, to Rosemary (nee Cotte) and Derek, a son, Oliver Mark, a brother for Toby and Philip.

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Humour out of misery

We have always made merry with the misery of others. The problem has been deciding who is fair game. In an era of more "enlightened" sensibilities, humour has, in some ways, gained taboos almost as much as it has lost them.

Old jokes, however, are remarkably resilient. And just when you think that Benny Hill's extremely tired sketch about "Leprechaun TV" has finally shown that such humour has run its course, the Garda's bungling of the "Fox

TELEVISION

Hunt" comes along to feed the stand-ups with lines for a thousand new Irish jokes.

Last night, two programmes showed the misery of the human condition. One was an *Open Space* programme (BBC 2) aimed straight at the heart strings, the other was Channel 4's latest comedy series, *tended*, no doubt, for the funny bone. In one we heard how a tyrannical warden of a council hostel for pensioners tried to get hold of a cattle-proof to torture the inmates; in the other, Filipino maids did a version of the Monty Python sketch about "My conditions being worse than Yours".

Of course, the first, *Never Say Die*, was the comedy. The second, *Domestic Slavery*, a deeply disturbing documentary about maids who are brought to work here illegally by rich, non-British employers who then imprison, abuse, starve and even, on occasion, rape them. If they run away, however, they risk being deported. It was not funny.

But then not is abusing old people a bundle of laughs. Comic genius, as shown in *Stepnoe*, or *Fawcett Towers*, can get away with it. *Lon Wakefield*, the writer of *Never Say Die*, tried a number of directions, including below the belt with a knee in an old man's groin, but did not quite bring it off, mainly because the contrast between the tyrannical woman warden and the new liberal one was too simplistic. Basil Fawcett was funny because of his vulnerability and weakness in tyranny.

Andrew Hislop

John Russell Taylor looks at four artists who are defying Britain's reluctance to buy sculpture

Shape of things to come

GALLERIES

David Begbie
Salama-Caro

William Turnbull
Waddington

Zadok Ben-David
Benjamin Rhodes

Ivor Abrahams
Bernard Jacobson

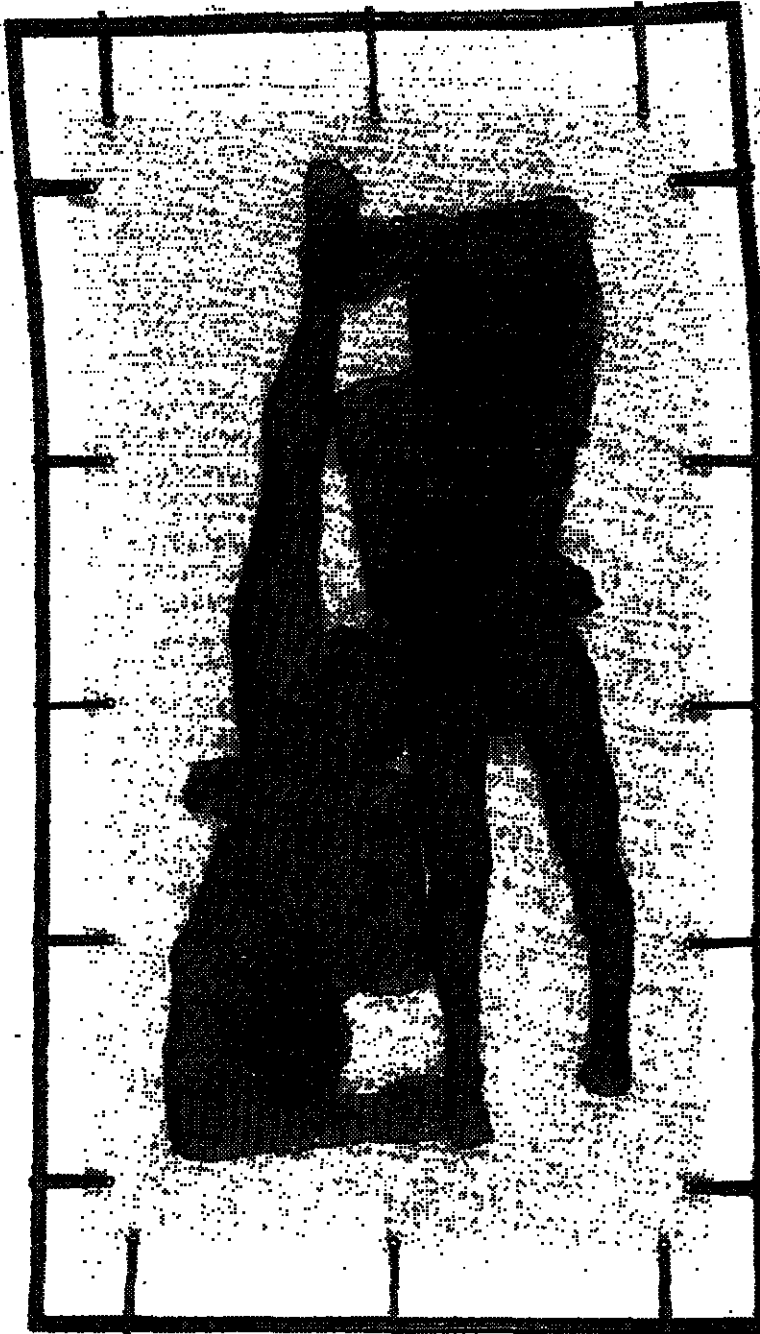
Nigel Hall
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Foreigners tend to assume that the British are mad about sculpture. This is understandable, since there is so much evidence of enthusiastic activity in galleries all over the world, biennales, international art fairs and the like, and no one can be unaware of the tutelary presence of Henry Moore brooding over the whole of 20th-century British art. But sadly, our sculptural prophets are more honoured abroad than at home: if there is one thing the galleries are agreed on, it is that the British do not buy sculpture, at any level from the great public commissions to the modest table piece.

In domestic terms, it seems that British collectors fight shy of sculpture because they feel it takes up so much more room, physically and psychologically, than a picture. This is perhaps one reason why David Begbie has proved one of the most successful of British sculptors on the home market. His works are so deliberately light, transparent, illusionistic, that psychologically they are almost not there.

In his latest show, which opens an elegant white box of a new gallery, the Salama-Caro, at 5/6 Cork Street (until December 5), he seems to be aiming to make his work a little more solid-looking. But not very much, and one is not surprised to learn that he is becoming increasingly interested in eliminating the solid form altogether, in favour of the shadow, the play of lights, maybe even in due course the hologram.

What we have for the moment, though, is an extension of his characteristic form, which is the modelled figure, frequently a human nude made out of fine steel mesh.



Transparent, illusionistic, almost not there: Restlers by David Begbie

works are actually very hardy, but they look insubstantial and fragile. In the past they have often hung free, carrying with them the air of a mobile. Now he frequently entraps them in boxes of a larger-gauge mesh, to emphasize or isolate their physicality.

He has also worked out one or two new techniques - how to make eyes, for instance - and lets more humour intrude than before, as with some slightly teasing heads, occasionally even equipped with spectacles. But he remains *sui generis*, using fully sculptural means (the sheer modelling of the mesh is no light task) to produce works which constantly fight against our ideas of mass and solidity as the essentials of sculpture.

One need only look at the rashes of red stickers as William Turnbull's show draws to its close (November 21) at Waddington, to see that Begbie is not the only current sculptor who sells. Presumably some at least of the sales must be to Brits. And it is very easy to understand why this show has been received with such enthusiasm.

The recent work is of manageable size, and makes its effect not in monumental statements, but by subtleties of surface treatment, of slight markings and patina, within a generally simple, satisfying range of shapes. It is like walking round some kind of sacred, primitive enclosure, with the totems disclosing their full meaning possibly only to the initiate, but creating an unarguable air of magic and mystery to the world at large.

If one looks, over the road, at the mini-retrospective which accompanies these new pieces, one can at once recognize the consistency and sense of purpose which have informed Turnbull's work for more than 40 years: the sculptures from 1948-62 are certainly different, but unmistakably from the same hand, and concerned with the same lasting themes.

Zadok Ben-David, round the corner at Benjamin Rhodes until December 12, is superficially quite other, but in fact his concerns are fundamentally rather similar. His materials, more modestly, are brightly coloured concrete, metal and resin, and there is a playfulness about the pieces, with their long, whimsical titles (*The Fish Who Refused to Belong*, for instance, or *Days of White Luck to the Optimist*), which somewhat belies their deeper seriousness and the frequent melancholy of their underlying emotion.

Sometimes the significance is obvious, as in *Where It All Starts*, where a frened globe of little dancing figures contains a slightly foetal yellow plastic flower at the centre, or *Too Late for the Hunter to Regret*, a kind of totem pole in which the painted outline of a slaughtered deer tops a rough-cast plinth. But as with Turnbull, the full significance probably unfolds only to those who have already been initiated into the cult.

Ivor Abrahams (at Bernard Jacobson until November 28) and Nigel Hall (at Annely Juda until December 18) are both in their diverse ways traditional sculptors. Abrahams is traditional in the more obvious sense, in that Rodin or Degees would have understood completely what he is up to in his new bronzes of athletes, their difficult arched poses caught with consummate grace and skill. But as we near the end of the century, Nigel Hall's abstract constructions of bronze loops and bars seem in their own way equally traditional, and by now indeed rather too predictable. The pieces in the show are put together with Hall's characteristic skill and polish, but the flame of creative excitement burns rather low, and his related drawings are in the end much more compelling.

OPERA

Festa Teatrale
Teatro San Carlo,
Naples

If Casanova's *Memoirs* are to be believed, King Ferdinand of Naples used to enjoy pelting his subjects with hot macaroni while they listened to opera in the Teatro San Carlo. Had he been present at the theatre's 250th anniversary celebrations this month he would surely have lived up to the distinctly sober and unfestive proceedings.

The *Festa Teatrale*, conceived and directed by Roberto De Simone, turned out to be a history lesson *per musica*, opening with a cantata by Cimarosa in honour of Ferdinand's return to Naples in 1799. The composer hoped it would appease the King for his republican past, but the approach was rejected. Cimarosa fled, and the work was never performed. The lesson ended with another world premiere and ill-considered exercise in political sycophancy - the *Finale* from Paisiello's *I Pittagorici*, an opera written in anticipation of Napoleon's visit to Naples.

Not surprisingly, these works left a rather hollow impression instead of evoking

the past glories of the theatre for which Rossini and Donizetti wrote some of their finest music.

The rest of the *festa*, ably conducted by Gustav Kuhn, focused on extracts from operas that made Naples an unrivalled influence in 18th century Europe but which are very rarely heard today. This was risky programming - such music relies heavily on the brilliance and invention of the singers to bring it to life - and the gamble did not really pay off. Kathleen Kuhlmann coped better with the lethargic lines of Jommelli's "Aria del Sonno" than with the leaps and runs of Vinci's *Antaresse*, and Maria Angeles Peters' small voice failed to make much impact in Cini's *Semiramide*, and some of the other singers did the San Carlo no credit at all.

Only Katia Ricciarelli, in radiant form, succeeded in making vocal acrobatics a pleasure to listen to - she gave a beautifully modulated account of the multiple variations in Paisiello's "Nel cor più non mi sento".

A model of the theatre sat at the front of the stage all evening, looking as if it might be cut up and eaten at the end - but the occasion as a whole felt more like a remembrance service than a birthday party.

Nigel Jamieson

THEATRE

Long To Rain
Over Us
Haymarket Studio,
Leicester

This thoughtful and sprightly play, commissioned from the Welsh poet and playwright Dick Edwards, is set on the periphery of an unguarded prisoner of war camp in Leicestershire. Geographically, this is the centre of England, and the exact nature of the true and honest Englishman is one of the topics aired in a tightly-packed 90 minutes.

"Why don't the Irish want to be English?" muses the wooden-legged colonel (Trevor Baxter) in charge of the camp, his tender scalp protected with a knotted hankie from the unseasonably fierce sun. Since he is voicing his words in the hearing of an eccentrically resolute Irish girl, Kitty (Kate Lonergan), he gets a crisp and Celtic reply.

woman, the odd man out being Lomax, a conscientious objector also detained in the camp. When Kitty doses down with him in the hay he turns his back, Stephen Boxer gives him the preoccupied air and rapid speech of one whose thoughts are also rapid.

An Italian and a German complete the cast, a jackbooted pair who start off close to caricatures but who develop into a beguiling double act when scheming to grab the girl and expose Lomax, with the colonel's connivance, as a fraud and coward.

The comedy in this is fresh and surprising, and the accompanying dangers come across vividly in the performances of Nicholas Hewison's restless Italian, wriggling as if troubled by olive pits in his pants, and Bill Leadbitter's Braun, a confused but confident admirer of both Hitler and Freud.

Though he allows the action to move too hastily to its climax, David O'Shea's direction draws the main story steadily into prominence above the side-fire of the Irish widow, Kitty, and a daughter.

MR ROGER HESKETH

Mr Roger Hesketh, OBE, TD, landed gentleman, Conservative MP and amateur architect, died on November 14. He was 85.

Roger Fleetwood Hesketh was born at Southport on July 28, 1902, and educated at Eton and at Christ Church, Oxford. He was called to the Bar at Inner Temple in 1927.

At the age of 20 he joined the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry of which he later became an honorary colonel. When Supreme Headquarters was formed in 1943, he joined the staff of General

howard where "verbal reports were true that Mikhail Petnev was suffering much from a stomach disorder a few hours earlier, he allowed no sign of it to affect his programme on Sunday, his first appearance here in a year.

The prize-winning Soviet pianist kept to his intelligent plan of beginning straight in with Beethoven and winding down from that, offering an account of the "Waldstein" Sonata Op 53, which relied on boldness of contrast rather than shading.

His interpretation here and elsewhere was a good deal less quirky in matters of tempo and phrasing than I recalled from his previous visit, but he still has particular views on keyboard sonorities which he achieves by an unusual combination of clipped phrasing and use of the sustaining pedal. As he also articulated a

Hesketh was essentially a modest and unassuming man. It is no doubt for this reason that though loved by his countrymen, he was not a household name. With Schumann's *Träumerei*, *Wien* meant narrowing the scale of musical character while expanding the sentiment in this "romantic sonata", as the composer once described it. The pianist did not labour the "carnival jest" of the title and he compensated for an unduly plaintive slow movement by a beautifully light-fingered "scherzino" and a big-hearted finale.

He wrought something of a transformation on Debussy's *Pour le Piano* through the wealth of harmonic character he bestowed on the Prelude and gleaming rhythmic dexterity of the final Toccata.

After that a group of four Rachmaninov Excerpts were given colourful pianistic expression and helped to whet the appetite for the larger-scale Rachmaninov he is due to record on this visit.

Noël Godwin

Virtuosity and charm

DANCE

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

The Royal Ballet seems to have got to grips with David Bintley's *Galanteries* which formed the central part of Saturday's triple bill at Covent Garden. When first shown last season it appeared somewhat unwieldy in structure, and a trifle long.

But the dancers now sail

lightly through the intricacies of the choreography, and the women, in particular, make the most of the many opportunities to display virtuosity and charm. Lesley Collier wins the major honours for her joyous *pas de trois* with Antony and Jerome Robbins's *The Concert*, one of the few ballets that actually deserves, and gets, genuine belly laughs from the audience, and neither Bryony Brind nor Karen Paisley can be over-looked.

The programme opened with Ashton's *The Dream* in a rather undistinguished performance from a very distinguished

cast. There seems an irresistible temptation to add extra business to this ballet, which is so well-made that it requires only superb dancing, and ideally, less fussy designs.

No complaint though, about Jerome Robbins's *The Concert*, one of the few ballets that actually deserves, and gets, genuine belly laughs from the audience, and neither Bryony Brind nor Karen Paisley can be over-looked.

On Friday evening Deborah Bull danced the lead in Kenneth MacMillan's *Rite of Spring*. Seemingly completely at ease with the physical demands of the role, she emphasised more clearly than anyone I have ever seen, the sacred nature of the rite. A distinguished debut from a promising dancer.

Judith Cruikshank



The Dame and I: Barry Humphries... broods on over quarter of a century with Edna Everage

Satanic benediction

A sighting of Dame Edna Everage in muffs can be an unnerving experience. There is her *alter ego* at the Holiday Inn in Hampstead, swathed in herringbone tweed and wearing an urbanized Crocodile Dundee hat. A closer look reveals that livid mole on the right of the face, the mildly shocked eyes, benign and predatory at the same time, and the wandering mouth shaping up for a put-down.

Mercifully, Barry Humphries has not arrived in *Dame*, as he has been known to do on occasions, so there is no need to pander to his monstrous invention. Instead he is talking, soberly and even somberly, about his very early days as a stand-up comic, his return to the roots of his career for his new one-man show, *Back With A Vengeance*, opening at the Strand Theatre tonight, and the way in which he and Dame Edna have moved in and out of each other's lives for more than a quarter of a century.

The picture that emerges is one of a fairly desperate young man in late 1950s Australia, afflicted with high intelligence and invoking the help of grotesque caricature to thwart the establishment's prerogative on his future. "I came from the Melbourne suburb of Camberwell," he says. "That's nothing at all like the Camberwell over here. It's more like St John's Wood and Wembley with bungalows, plus here and there some two-storey houses built in the late Thirties as a mark of post-depression affluence."

The Melbourne cultural life of the day was bleak, comprising the safe imports of an advanced nation known as

Edna Everage's new show opens tonight in London. Alan Franks spoke to the man behind the dame

Overseas - Whitehall farces, *Sailor Beware*, *Oklahoma*, *Rattigan*, Tommy Trinder and Peggy Mount. While working at the Union Theatre, with Australia's very first professional repertory company, Humphries took part in a Christmas show, and it was there that Edna Everage, then just plain Mrs. was expanded from a company in-joke to a creature fit for public consumption.

"I think it's fair to say that until that time people hadn't been used to the idea of going to the theatre to look at themselves, to see a portrayal of their own society. Dame Edna was instantly recognizable. The audience all knew her, but at the same time she was twisting the truth just enough to be threatening. More importantly, she represented everything that was inhibiting in that society, but clearly she was also an extremely powerful force."

Even before she became internationally acclaimed, young Mrs Everage was making it her business to be well versed in the minutiae of other people's lives.

As a Dame the character may have acquired some outward serenity, and she may hobnob with the highest, but

her instincts remain as dangerous as they were when she was an unsung housewife in Moonée Ponds. Therein, Humphries agrees, lies much of the dramatic tension, not only for the audience, but for himself as well. "I think they quite like to feel they are taking part in kind of sadomasochistic experience, if that's not putting it too strongly. In this show I've gone back to basics, in the sense that I don't know what I am going to do next, and that's how I like it. There is such a thing as being constructively unrehearsed."

There is a dark, almost lugubrious quality in Humphries' own manner, his comic vision may owe something to the 'knockabout' school, but it is also the result of studying the immense collective significance of the seeming trivia that litters people's lives. He has also been the victim of a staggering (literally) alcohol problem, over which he can today claim 17 years of abstinence.

Humphries considers that Edna's character has broadened and deepened with his own experience, to the extent that she is now able to talk on more or less any subject. "She started from the suburbs, and now she's a diva, and that is her progress," he says.

"The audiences realize there's a how can I put it, a sort of perversion of love coming across from her. She doesn't exactly love them, but she forgives them. I would describe it as satanic benediction. She sends them out with her equivocal blessing. My relationship with her is like my relationship with Australia. I visit from time to time, but I do not live there."

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FASHION 2

Success through one pair of eyes

Terence Conran has a single-minded strategy for selling clothes — and Jan Kern is the single mind that he's chosen

Sir Terence Conran is looking for the perfect pair of plain black socks. He wants to find them stacked neatly in satisfyingly generous piles, and in navy blue, dark grey and white as well, in all his BHS shops. Alongside them will be the equally basic but perfect plain white T-shirt.

Operation Clean-Up, Conran's initial strategy to give a quick new gloss to the chains of shops he acquired at the height of the High Street takeovers, is now into its next stage. A more long-term drive in the Store Wars is Conran's campaign for quality.

Can he ever do for clothes what he did for cast-iron casseroles and cafeterias in Habitat? If so, it will be all down to Jan Kern, the woman he recently appointed to be his "one pair of eyes" on matters of fashion. Conran believes that a single-minded vision is the key to success in retailing. In the Richards chain, BHS and Mothercare, the coffee cups, blinds, prams and now clothes must look as if they have been picked by the one stylish person.

The concept worked with Next, launched by Conran while he was chairman of Hepworths. He installed as its head George Davies and got him up and running. Davies, as we all now know, raced off rather spectacularly with the Next idea and has developed the chain beyond even Conran's dreams.

Conran and his Design Group were well into a £300 million modernization programme for the 127 BHS shops when he merged his Habitat Mothercare group with BHS to make Storehouse early last year. His first move was to appoint Jan Kern to look at fashion buying and design inside BHS.



Jan Kern in check wool jacket, £45; wool skirt, £24.99; all BHS

She was so successful in briefing designers, chivvying buyers to be more adventurous and tying up production contracts that he has since made her managing director of Conran Design's fashion division with responsibility for all three chains.

In addition to the spacious BHS fashion studio in which she still keeps her office, Kern now moves around the rest of the warren of studios installed by Conran in what were the bedding factories in his Heals

building to share with her team of 35 her mission to make Storehouse fashion an essential part of the life of every man, woman and child.

Conran and Kern look as though they plan to meet a challenge other stores avoid: to provide the simple basics of a wardrobe to the best possible standards and at a reasonable price. A current advertising campaign photographed by Snowdon presents Storehouse customers with their Favourite Things and endorses this

"Tastes are shaped by what people are offered. Good taste can be acquired," Terence Conran

commitment to quality. Jan Kern provides the points of reference for her designers for seasons ahead, and had the satisfaction recently of noting that trends she had set at BHS for spring '88 as far back as March this year have been endorsed by the recent ready-to-wear collections in Paris. The navy and ecru of BHS's New England classics for 1988, the earthy shades and washed-out colours and woven checks of her provençal theme are all reflected.

Kern's background in fashion began as a trainee buyer at Selfridges. "I was the youngest buyer ever," she says. A job marketing Braemar classics was followed by her own consultancy to link Hong Kong manufacturers with US stores. She then went on to head the fashion division of her husband's middle market fashion house Reidan, a background that merges neatly in her present role with Conran.

Richards, whose clothes are aimed at the 25-to-45 age group, has already been given a noticeably more stylish image since Conran acquired the chain in 1983. "Richards is motoring well. It's just a matter of fine tuning," Kern says. At Mothercare and BHS they are committed to the new campaign for quality. "We believe in natural fibres, for example. For winter 1988 our investment in pure wool is £5 million."

In the end her success depends on the customers' desire for such sophistication and good design. "People's tastes are shaped by what they are offered," Conran says. "It's an organic process of change. Good taste can be acquired."

Liz Smith

PEOPLE

Costa's 'bravo'

Dallas-based designer Victor Costa, creator of "good-time clothes" for America's moneyed Nouvelle Society, is in London, squaring his 20-year-old daughter Adrienne around the art galleries. He also found time to introduce Harvey Nichols' customers to the positive pleasures of his draped and swathed taffetas and sculpted velvets, which retail in the store at prices ranging from £125 to £600.

Brooke Shields, Ivanna Trump, Joan Collins and her Dynasty daughter Emma Samms are devoted to the cunning flattery of Costa's cut, a talent he picked up alongside Yves Saint Laurent at fashion school in Paris. His boned, strapless sheaths, trimmed in

fox or gleaming with spangly buttons, are not for the shy.

Amanda Verdan, the store's own fashion director and named as one of London's most stylish women in the first issue of W, new arbiter of taste, has herself been providing the best informal one-woman parade of Costa style, dressed in his glamorous frocks.

Top knots

The Duke of Windsor gave his name to his rather idiosyncratic way of fixing his tie with an extra-fat double knot. The newest Windsor knot is altogether more straightforward. It is how Hermès describe the simplest way of wearing one of their famous silk squares — tied firmly under the chin. Harrods obviously thinks its Sloane clientele need further education in knotting a scarf. To celebrate the opening of a new access-

ories corner it has invited Hermès to run through the scarf-wearing repertoire and tomorrow an Hermès Workshop takes place in the scarf department.

Winning ways

In every industry it is the season for handing out the honours, and the fashion business is no exception. Manolo Blahnik, London's most stylish shoe designer, has an even more appreciative following on the other side of the Atlantic than here. It has been announced that in January he will pick up the Council of Fashion Designers of America award for shoe design. Giorgio Armani wins CFDA's Life-

time Achievement Award for menswear, and Tina Brown's Vanity Fair is named Magazine of the Year.

The British Fur Trade Association has only just got around to organizing its own awards system.

The first, sponsored by the Hudson's Bay Company and presented on Sunday evening at a gala fashion show in London, went to a full-length sweep of a coat with a fashionably wide shawl collar made in natural dark ranch mink by the Mayfair-based manufacturers M & L Granger. It even beat a flamboyant black mink jacket by London's Japanese star, Yuki, worked in circles with batwing sleeves and outlined in black fox.

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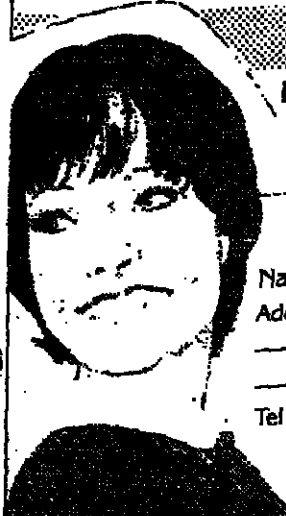
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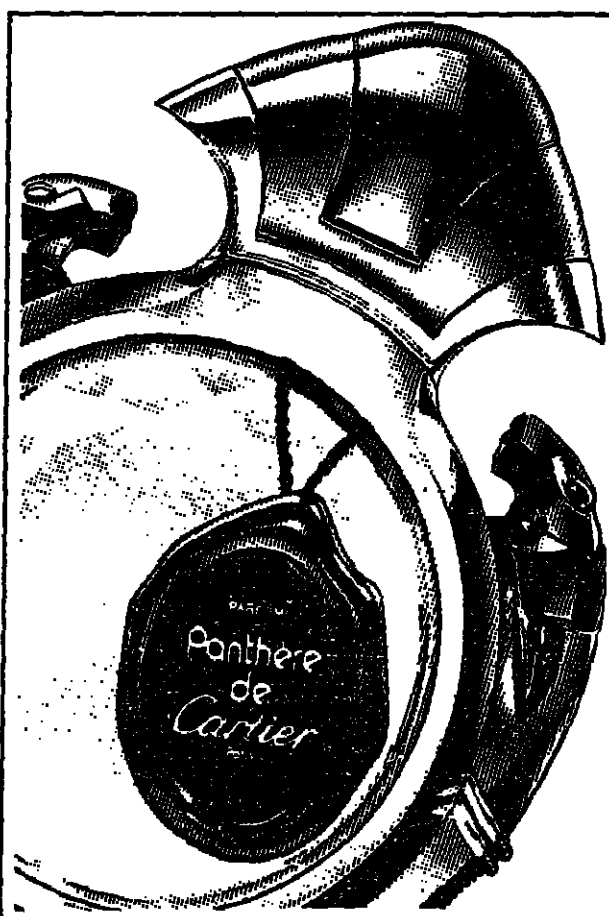
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BBC1

- 6.00 *Ceejazz AM*.
6.35 *Leon Errol* in *Gem Jams* (b/w).
6.55 *Weather*.
7.00 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
8.40 *Open Air*. Eamonn Holmes receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output.
9.00 *News and weather* followed by *Neighbours* (r). 9.20 *Kilroy*. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
10.00 *News and weather* followed by *Going for Gold* (r). 10.25 *Children's BBC*. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by *Play School*, presented by Carol Chell and Lloyd Johnston, and *Plinky's House* (r).
10.55 *Five to Eleven*. *Sian Phillips* with a thought for the day. 11.00 *News and weather* followed by *EastEnders*. Eamonn Holmes and Patricia Cullen introduce programme makers to their critics.
12.00 *News and weather* followed by *Daytime Live* presented by Pamela Armstrong. Alan Titchmarsh and Ross Davidson. 12.55 *Regional news and weather*.
1.00 *One O'Clock News* with Michael Buerk. Weather. 1.30 *Neighbours*. Bradley Jaxx degrades himself at dinner and Clive's title play is rumbled by *Madge and Daphne*. 1.50 *Going for Gold*. European football. Knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
2.15 *Knots Landing*. Lilmae is arrested and Chip is fighting for his life; and *Will and Jilly's* plan to marry Gary come to fruition after she learns that he has spent the night with his ex-wife. 3.00 *Valerie*. Comedy series.

BBC2

- 9.00 *Ceejazz 9.30 Daytime on Two*: children paint self-portraits 10.15 *Part eight of a ghost story*: classification 11.00 *Brass* and horn instruments 11.15 *Wondermaths* 11.35 *Maths*: decimals 12.00 *Maths*: fractions 12.30 *Fashion designs* 12.50 *Microtechnology* 1.30 *For the young* 1.35 *The postal system* 2.00 *News and weather* followed by a programme for the young.
2.15 *Sion Extra* (r). 2.40 *Holiday Outings*. Two teenage boys visit Moscow and Leningrad (r).
3.00 *News and weather* followed by *The World About Us*. The story of a search and rescue. *Squadron* (r). 3.50 *News*, regional news and weather.
4.00 *It's My Pleasure*: in this first of a new series Desmond Lynam invites Maureen Lipman to remember her favourite television moments.
4.35 *One in Four*. A magazine series for the disabled and their families.
5.05 *My Music* (r). 5.30 *Film 87*.
6.00 *Linea*. Rock music show.
7.00 *Open to Question*. Commander Michael Higham, Grand Secretary

- of the United Grand Lodge of England faces questions on Freemasonry from a teenage studio audience.
7.35 *Rockschool*. Part five of the eight-part series on making music with a rock band.
8.00 *Food and Drink* includes a visit to the world's largest wine tasting.
8.30 *Brass Tacks*. Smoke Gets in Your Eyes. Helen Boardman examines the changes that could lead to non-smokers taking smokers to court in order to prevent them lighting up at the workplace.
9.00 *Entertainment USA*. Jonathan King visits Sacramento, California, where among the people he meets is Juliet Provost.
9.30 *Footsteps*. David Drew retraces the steps of Karl Mauch the 19th-century explorer who thought he had discovered King Solomon's lost city. (Ceejazz)
10.20 *Sing Country* with, among others, the Bellamy Brothers.
10.45 *Newsnight* 11.30 *Weather*.
11.35 *One in Four*. A repeat of the programme shown at 4.35. Ends at 12.10.

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- 6.00 *TV-am* introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys.
7.00 *Good Morning Britain* presented by Kay Burley and Mike Morris. Includes news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.45; and pop music at 7.55. After Nine includes specialist Harry Oldfield discussing gem and crystal therapy.
8.25 *Thames news headlines*.
9.30 *Thames*. Travel quiz 10.00 *Santa Barbara* 10.25 *News headlines* 10.30 *The Time*. The *Pleasure* series. Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion on Scottish TV's controversial drink/drive campaign in which convicted drunk drivers are named, is it fair to punish them twice?
11.10 *Rainbow*. Learning with the aid of puppets 11.25 *Thames news headlines* 11.30 *About Britain*. Jim Flegg visits snow-bound mines of Kent to watch the Brentford return. 12.00 *Jimmy's*. Another visit to St James's University Hospital, Leeds.
12.30 *News* 12.50 *Thames news*.
1.00 *Reality* - Ace of Spades. Crossword game show.
2.30 *Jane's Robinson*. Needs a writer Ruth Mander. 3.00 *Farmhouse Kitchen*. Grace Mulligan and her guest, Yvonne Cullen of the Sea Fish Industry Authority, prepare traditional fish recipes. 3.25 *Thames news headlines* 3.30 *The Young Doctors*.
4.00 *Rainbow* (r). 4.15 *The Telegraph*. The first of a new cartoon series 4.25 *Spies and Spies*. A wide world presented by Rod Hull.
5.15 *Blockbusters*.
5.45 *News* 6.00 *Thames news*.
6.30 *Thames*. A comedy series. Among those appearing tonight are the Proclaimers.
7.00 *Emmerdale Farm*. Beckindale is stunned by the announcement

TELEVISION CHOICE

Plenty of people have set out for the North Pole and made it - but never without support, whether it be dog teams, motorized transport or a friendly aeroplane to arrive at the crucial moment and drop in supplies. The odds against doing the trip unaided are formidable: nearly 500 miles to cover in temperatures 50° below zero, the danger of blizzards and drifting snow and always the race against time, for the expedition season has to be fitted into those few weeks of March and April before the sun starts melting the ice. None of which dissuaded Sir Ranulph Fiennes, whose attempt on what has been called the last great polar challenge is chronicled in Paul Cleary's documentary, *Further North* (London: ITV, 11.30pm, closed caption). Heading off into the snow-covered nothingness, Fiennes and his colleague, Dr Mike Stroud, make slow progress. They have to pull sledges two and three times their own

Greatest show on ice



Sir Ranulph Fiennes en route for the North Pole on London

weight over boulders of pack ice; the weather worsens and frostbite takes off part of Fiennes's little toe. In bleaker moments, Stroud says, he begins to wonder what the hell they are doing. Meanwhile, according to the pole by more conventional means are a team from the United States and a lone French doctor. Intercutting between the three expeditions, the film works up a strong narrative tension.

Peter Waymark

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Business sponsors of TV productions set to get approval

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Commercial sponsorship of programmes made by independent producers for BBC and ITV is expected to receive government approval, it was disclosed yesterday.

The radical change in programme funding was signalled by Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for broadcasting, and could herald wide-ranging sponsorship for all television.

The planned change in funding is unlikely to require new legislation and could be enforced by a simple Commons order.

Mr Renton, speaking at a broadcasting industry lunch on television sponsorship in London, said Britain had been "unnecessarily coy" in the past in its approach to sponsorship.

He added: "It seems clear to us what was once regarded as the unacceptable face of commercial broadcasting has now come to be increasingly accepted by the broadcasters as a legitimate source of funding."

Mr Michael Checkland, director general of the BBC, has made clear his wish for the present restrictions on programme sponsorship to be relaxed. The corporation has asked the Government specifically to permit sponsorship from commercial companies for the funding of independent productions shown on BBC, which are expected to make up 25 per cent of television viewing in the forthcoming years.

Mr Renton said: "We are looking at the implications of these proposals and we hope to reach a decision before long."

"Among the issues we need to consider are the extent to which sponsorship in this country would attract new money as opposed to diverting funds currently devoted to other forms of sponsorship or advertising."

"We must also look at the wider implications for the financing of the BBC."

"In principle, however, we are sympathetic to the case that has been put and we are anxious to explore fully the possibility of making the change sought by the corporation."

Mr Renton confirmed later that the same sponsorship arrangement would, if agreed by the Government, apply to independent television com-

panies for independent-made programmes.

The Independent Broadcasting Authority and the BBC are reviewing their approach to sponsorship.

"The Government will await with interest the outcome of these reviews and will of course consider carefully whatever proposals may be put by the broadcasting authorities for a change in the existing framework of legislation on sponsorship," Mr Renton added.

Mr Renton emphasized that any changes would respect the key principles of "transparency for the viewer and retention of editorial control for the broadcaster."

The minister's announcement was welcomed by Mr Paul Styles, the director of the Independent Programme Producers' Association, which is holding detailed negotiations with the BBC and ITV companies aimed at gaining 25 per cent access to present channels.

He said: "Mr Renton has opened up new ground. He has clearly given the green light to the BBC to discuss with the independents the possibility of sponsorship programming."

Decline of dollar worries the EEC

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of taxes within the EEC, including the prospect of an end to the zero-rating in Britain of basic products such as food, children's clothing, and newspapers and books. He noted that although the Commission had made it clear that member states could apply for exemptions for a transitional period, if they felt that ending VAT zero-rating would cause undue hardship, no government had yet sent its formal response to Brussels.

Mr Lawson reminded Lord Cockfield that during the last British general election both he and Mrs Thatcher had pledged that zero-rating would not be ended in Britain on food, fuel and children's clothing and Britain remained unable to accept any proposal which conflicted with those pledges.

A spokesman for Lord Cockfield said 1992 remained the target date for the abolition of frontiers, but said in practice this was more likely to mean December 31, 1992 than January 1, 1992. There would have to be no "slippage" beyond the end of 1992, however, the spokesman said.

The Ministers said the events of recent weeks had emphasised the advantages of the Single European Act in setting up a "large integrated European market of goods, services and capital". Progressive realization of this objective would create new opportunities for growth in Europe.

The Ministers said it was highly important that the fis-

cal and monetary co-operation agreed in the Louvre Accord last February should be implemented by all parties "in full and without delay". The Accord was designed to stabilize currencies and prevent the slide of the Dollar. The Ministers said that the European Monetary System (EMS) played an important role in stabilizing currencies, and the EMS had been strengthened by recent Franco-German agreements.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the German Finance Minister, said the time was not yet ripe for convening G7, or the Group of Seven, and there was a need first to work towards greater consensus.

Mr Lawson said he would like to see a meeting of the Group of Seven, but the ingredients had to be right and this could take more than a week. The signs were good on the US budget deficit, however, and the Group of Seven should be convened "as soon as possible". Asked what the preconditions for a Group of Seven meeting were, Mr Lawson said that countries such as West Germany and Japan had to take the necessary measures to maintain world economic growth, and there had to be a re-establishment of the Louvre accord on currency stability. Meanwhile, EEC Agriculture Ministers yesterday began consideration of automatic limits or "stabilizers" on farm output in an attempt to curb spending under the Common Agricultural Policy.

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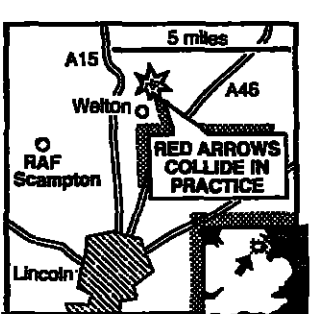
Two jets collide in mid-air

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son Simon, aged five, was at school when the jet struck her house, wrecking it.

An eye-witness, Mr Gary Percival, said: "There was suddenly this terrific bang. When one plane hit the back of a house in the road, there was another explosion and a ball of flames leapt up."

Mr Charles Gillon said the



Red Arrow planes "didn't appear to be doing anything unusual. About five or six of them in diamond formation came over from Scampton and suddenly the tail of one clipped the wing of another."

"Both planes came spiralling down. They can only have missed us by inches."

Yesterday the RAF said there would be a board of inquiry but there was no question at this stage of grounding the Red Arrows.



Wales salutes Bevan

It was entirely appropriate that Mr Michael Foot, orator, Labour luminary and Welsh politician should have been invited to unveil a statue yesterday of late Aneurin Bevan, orator, Labour luminary and Welsh politician. Mr Foot succeeded Mr Bevan as MP for Ebbw Vale (now Blaenau Gwent) in 1960 and, many think, also took on his role as the Labour party's leading speaker. In 1962 and 1973 he published two volumes of Mr Bevan's biography.

The statue was commissioned by South Glamorgan council - with financial help from other Welsh authorities - from a local sculptor, Mr Robert Thomas, and stands at the western end of Cardiff's Queen Street. The council says it is in recognition of one of Wales' greatest sons whose contribution to the well-being of his people was unquestionable. The leader of the Opposition, Mr Neil Kinnock, was at the ceremony. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Moore sent to hospital

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, was undergoing tests at a private hospital last night after being admitted with a mysterious infection at the weekend.

Mr Moore, aged 49 and renowned as a fitness enthusiast, was admitted on Sunday night to Parkside Hospital, near his home in Wimbledon, south-west London, after suddenly falling ill that afternoon.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said that on his doctor's advice, the minister was immediately admitted to hospital. "The hospital does not know what is

wrong with him, but the illness is not heart-related. His condition is stable and he is keeping in regular contact with the department."

Mr Brian Turner, the manager of the hospital, confirmed yesterday that doctors were still investigating Mr Moore's condition. "He has his own room and is still undergoing tests", he said.

Commenting on Mr Moore's decision to go to a private hospital charging between £116 and £190 a day, the DHSS said: "The Secretary of State has private medical health insurance."

Spanish police investigating the kidnapping of the six-year-old daughter of a wealthy Lebanese businessman and a Korean opera and pop star, Princess Kimera, were working against the clock last night after the gang holding her set a deadline which expires today for a \$13 million (£7.35 million) ransom to be paid.

Among those being interviewed by a special squad of detectives, which includes representatives of Interpol, is a Briton taken into custody on Sunday night at Estepona, near the child's home. A

British woman held with him was released after questioning.

The moves come after the collection of an envelope containing a photograph and a five-minute tape recording of the weeping child's voice speaking in English and French, described by a police inspector working on the case as something that would "make hair stand on end".

The envelope was picked up after an anonymous caller gave detailed instructions to a reporter in the Seville office of the Madrid daily newspaper ABC on Sunday night.

Commons sketch When the Welsh get carried away

As the Welsh Opposition members were voicing their upset at supersonic flights above their homes, the furious demonstrator screamed from overhead.

"I'd like to put a question on the absence of education in Wales", he managed to bawl before one of the morning-suited air traffic controllers in the Public Gallery dragged him away, his question trailing away into the distance, an empty seat the only indication that he had ever been there.

The sullen haze of Welsh Questions returned to the Chamber. Not a note of interest disturbed the murky landscape of the Welsh language becoming part of the national curriculum.

"Will my Honourable friend take into account the difficulty of forcing the Welsh language on the children of Gwent?" This is the type of question that makes Welsh Questions so beloved of the Welsh, so alien to all others.

As onlookers were perfecting their glazed expressions, hey presto another Welsh demonstrator soared from out of the clouds. "I'd like to put a question on the absence of education..." Once again, the question was cut off in its prime by the robust efficiency of the doorkeepers, and a second Welsh demonstrator bit the dust.

When and how would the next demonstrator strike? The doorkeepers moved in to force their eyes at the ready for a glimpse of a Core Curriculum peeping its head out of a Welshman's pocket.

Those in the depths of the Chamber, Welshmen all, must have found their minds wandering back to the problems faced by their fellow-countrymen from Harlech in the tense and powerful film *Zulu*.

There too a dry, dusty, dull horizon, replete with the topographical equivalents of Question 16 - Mr Keith Raffan (Conservative, Delyn): To ask the Secretary of State for Wales, if he will meet a deputation from Delyn Borough Council to discuss a trunk road link between the A55 and the A548 to serve the Delyn Enterprise Zone and the Greenfield Business Park - would suddenly belch up a battalion of warriors intent on blood and guts.

Men of Harlech in the hollow.
Do you hear the roaring billow?

Caught between the twin perils of listlessness and terror, Welshmen on all sides of the Chamber somehow resisted the heaving pull of communal song. They would ignore the intruder, and he would go away.

Again, though, from the skies there issued a roaring billow, repeated again and again as its be-jeaned exponent was dragged away. This time, the question was put fairly and squarely.

It sounded much like "Who's that bloody coat you wear?" though it might also have been "Hose that bloody goat, you hare!" In the absence of a goat, a hare or a bloody coat in the Chamber, linguists were forced to acknowledge that this might well have been a question phrased in pure Welsh. As such, it would surely be lost on most Welsh members.

Questions moved on to whether Wales was in a better state than it had ever been before. "The Minister of State is going round Wales proclaiming some sort of El Dorado that exists only in his own mind," said one Labour member.

The Minister believed in "a starchy-eyed state that exists only in his own mind." In turn, the Minister of State replied that "the United Kingdom in front of me is now industrially strong".

But onlookers had their eyes on less traditional elements in the Chamber. There remained the possibility of another Welsh demonstrator in the Public Gallery.

He had entered with the other three: would he now exit with them too? Might his green duffel coat, once the symbol of a quiet and studious approach to life, now be acting as camouflage for a vociferous subversive?

While the debate rattled back as it so often does, 1979, the scream erupted: "I'd like to protest against the failure of higher education in Wales!" Out he was carried, kicking and screaming.

And thus the privilege of abuse and unsolicited vitriol was returned once more to the Chamber.

Craig Brown

Briton held in kidnap case

From Harry Debelins, Madrid

British woman held with him was released after questioning.

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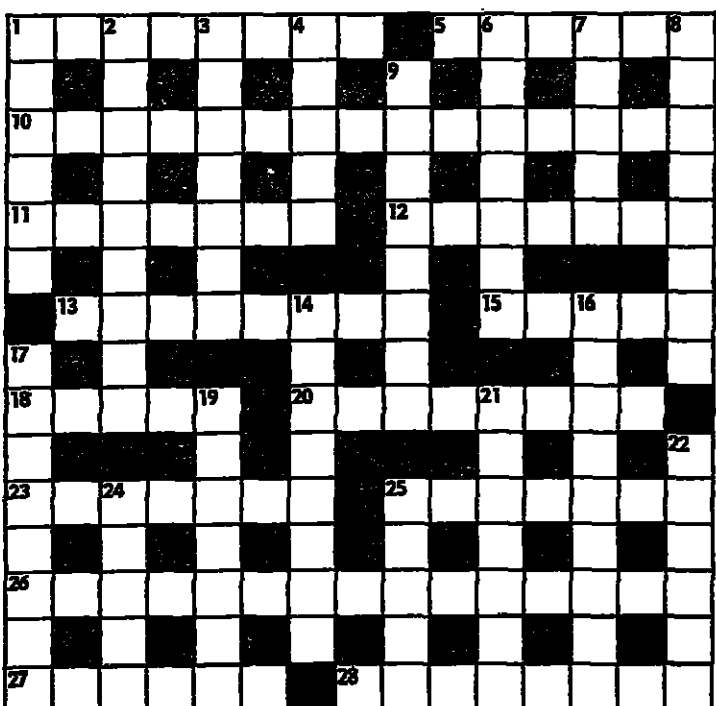
The envelope was picked up after an anonymous caller gave detailed instructions to a reporter in the Seville office of the Madrid daily newspaper ABC on Sunday night.

The caller also said that the father of Melodie Nash had "offered us \$300,000 the other day and today he offered us a million". "That's not good enough for us. We know he has it and doesn't want to pay."

Earlier the father, Mr Raymond Nakachian, was telephoned by the kidnappers at a restaurant near his home. On his return to his villa, he suggested the crime may be an act of revenge.

Police are investigating links with underworld figures living in southern Spain.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE No 17,516



- ACROSS
- In church, religious leader has right to be more awkward (8).
 - Buttonhole for Bill Price (6).
 - Fruit, biscuit, and dessert, say, with music (10,5).
 - The venom in a lizard is not altogether insignificant (7).
 - Hangs about in Estoril resort (7).
 - These figures make USA raucous (8).
 - Gorge the king with fish (5).
 - Marine ape (5).
 - Many a journalist grabs a man from ACAS (8).
 - Engineers demand salvage (7).
 - Assume superior attitude (7).
 - He's no manager, though a capital contributor (8,7).
 - Address heard night and day (6).
 - Not hurting like Marie Antoinette's poor people? (8).

- DOWN
- Accountant has a number of dogs (6).
 - Married woman drops right under car - she acts without thinking (9).
 - Cricketer snatches run - a single - for the title (7).
 - Exceed 40, say (5).
 - Allotting part of a fisherman's work (7).
 - Conclude work in the Orient (5).
 - Not quite the earth perhaps - certain it's worth a lot (8).
 - A trick indeed when troops are so spread out (8).
 - Equipment for Sandhurst soldiers in mounted army (8).
 - Declare it, say, to be above the church (9).
 - Tells of one sapper's discomfiture (8).
 - Short version of Lonsdale's play for examination (2,5).
 - Bad pain, sir? Not if you take this (7).
 - Suit for beaters (6).
 - Applause for the poet, always upholding honour (3).
 - Fish pie, say, in the Mediterranean (5).

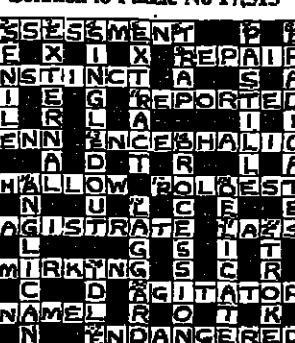
WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

- FRIBBLE
- A tool for kneading dough
 - To play the fool
 - To spit while pronouncing phrases
- HEFTAD
- A group of seven
 - An Islamic fast
 - A joint in carpentry
- TROPISM
- Automatic response to a stimulus
 - A school of psychotherapy
 - Medical name for giddiness
- JORUM
- A drinking-bowl
 - The buttress beside the eadans in Real Tennis
 - A prefect at Harrow

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,515



WEATHER

A ridge of high pressure will cross the British Isles ahead of an Atlantic frontal systems. Scattered showers are likely in the north, becoming dry for a while before cloud and rain spreads from the west. The south, east and south Wales should remain dry but cloudy later. Temperatures above average. Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Windy with rain at times in the north and west. Dry elsewhere. Mild.

ABROAD

	C	F		C	F
Algiers	17	63	Madrid	18	64
Amman	12	54	Moscow	18	64
Athens	21	70	Munich	17	63
Bahia	24	75	Nairobi	17	63
Barcelona	13	55	Paris	17	63
Bombay	24	75	Rome	17	63
Buenos Aires	18	64	St Petersburg	17	63
Calcutta	24	75	Tel Aviv	17	63
Cairo	24	75	Tokyo	17	63
Cape Town	17	63	Toronto	17	63
Colon	24	75	Washington	17	63
Cyprus	17	63	Wellington	17	63
Dublin	17	63	Yokohama	17	63
Geneva	17	63			
Hong Kong	24	75			
Imbabura	17	63			
Jakarta	24	75			
Johannesburg	17	63			
Kuala Lumpur	24	75			
London	17	63			
Los Angeles	17	63			
Luzon	17	63			
Manila	17	63			
Medan	17	63			
Montevideo	17	63			
Mumbai	24	75			
Nairobi	17	63			
San Francisco	17	63			
Singapore	24	75			
Sourabaya	17	63			
Taipei	17	63			
Tientsin	17	63			
Yokohama	17	63			

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun	Mon	Max	F
Scarbrough	17	63	10	50
Cardiff	17	63	10	50
Edinburgh	17	63	10	50
London	17	63	10	50
Manchester	17	63	10	50
Newcastle	17	63	10	50
Nottingham	17	63	10	50
Sheffield	17	63	10	50
Sunderland	17	63	10	50
Swansea	17	63	10	50
Torquay	17	63	10	50
Wolverhampton	17	63	10	50
Wrexham	17	63	10	50
Yarmouth	17	63	10	50

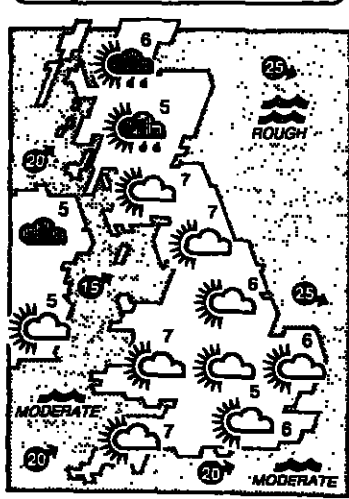
HIGH TIDES

	AM	PM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.37	5.8	11.09	5.1	
Aberdeen	10.40	5.8	11.10	5.2	
Aberystwyth	10.41	5.8	11.11	5.2	
Belfast	10.42	5.8	11.12	5.2	
Cardiff	10.43	5.8	11.13	5.2	
Devonport	10.44	5.8	11.14	5.2	
Dover	10.45	5.8	11.15	5.2	
Falmouth	10.46	5.8	11.16	5.2	
Glasgow	10.47	5.8	11.17	5.2	
Harwich	10.48	5.8	11.18	5.2	
Holyhead	10.49	5.8	11.19	5.2	
London	10.50	5.8	11.20	5.2	
London	10.51	5.8	11.21	5.2	
London	10.52	5.8	11.22	5.2	
London	10.53	5.8	11.23	5.2	
London	10.54	5.8	11.24	5.2	
London	10.55	5.8	11.25	5.2	
London	10.56	5.8	11.26	5.2	
London	10.57	5.8	11.27	5.2	
London	10.58	5.8	11.28	5.2	
London	10.59	5.8	11.29	5.2	
London	11.00	5.8	11.30	5.2	

THE POUND

	Bank	Bank	Bank
Australia	2.60	2.60	2.60
Belgium	2.60	2.60	2.60
Canada	2.60	2.60	2.60
Denmark	2.60	2.60	2.60
France	2.60	2.60	2.60
Germany	2.60	2.60	2.60
Italy	2.60	2.60	2.60
Japan	2.60	2.60	2.60
Netherlands	2.60	2.60	2.60
Portugal	2.60	2.60	2.60
Spain	2.60	2.60	2.60
Sweden	2.60	2.60	2.60
Switzerland	2.60	2.60	2.60
USA	2.60	2.60	2.60
Yugoslavia	2.60	2.60	2.60

AM



LONDON

Sun: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 94 per cent. Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.0 mm. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.0 hr. mbar, rising. 1,000 mbars - 29.53 in.

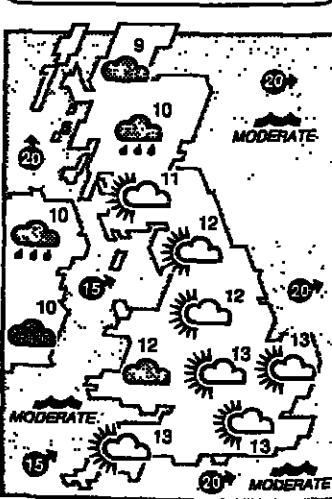
LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.30 pm to 6.53 am
Bristol 4.40 pm to 7.02 am
Edinburgh 4.40 pm to 7.09 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.09 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Madley, Hereford and Worcester, 15C (59F); lowest day temp: Lowest day temp: 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Torquay, 1.1 in; highest sunshine: Kew, 2.5 hr.

PM



Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1325.6 (+8.5)
FT-SE 100
1684.7 (+6.4)

Bargains
36342 (42229)
USM (Datastream)
141.19 (+2.2)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7435 (-0.0270)
W German mark
2.9770 (-0.0098)
Trade-weighted
74.8 (-0.5)

Bankruptcy
cases
rise by 5%

The number of bankruptcies in England and Wales rose by 5 per cent last year to the second-highest number on record, the Department of Trade and Industry said. Personal and business failures increased to 6,700 in 1986, 13 per cent below the 7,726 in 1984 but double the number of the late 1970s.

The estimated liabilities in the cases last year were £499 million and assets were £393 million - leaving an overall deficiency of £366 million, up £25 million on 1985. The largest bankruptcy involved estimated liabilities of £35 million and four other cases each had liabilities of more than £10 million.

Robinson buy

Thomas Robinson, the engineering holding company, is buying Dane Motor Company, a Volkswagen-Audi dealership with sites in Chester and Wrexham, for £3 million. Last year the business made pretax profits of £60,000 on turnover of £7.8 million. This compares with £375,000 on sales of £3.4 million in the previous year.

Record profits

Wardle Storeys, the plastic sheeting and survival equipment group, reported record pretax profits up 127 per cent to £12.7 million in the year to end-August. A final dividend of 6.5p was declared, making a total of 9p for the year (6p).

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS
New York
Dow Jones 1948.28 (+13.27)
Tokyo
Nikkei Average 22815.43 (+167.18)
Hong Kong
Hang Seng 2310.86 (+84.10)
Amsterdam Gen 230.6 (+10.4)
Sydney AO 1292.1 (+16.8)
Frankfurt
Commerzbank 1404.5 (+25.5)
Brussels
Generale 3934.8 (+101.5)
Paris CAC 3468.9 (+65.52)
Zurich SIK Gen 466.5 (+27.5)
London
FT-A All-Share 846.89 (+6.52)
FT-300 834.48 (+7.18)
FT-100 828.2 (same)
FT Fixed Interest 95.2 (-0.16)
FT Govt Secs 90.28 (-0.35)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:
ICI 1080p (+35p)
Glaxo 1099p (+25p)
Courtauld 349p (+21p)
Thorn EMI 617p (+25p)
Hawker Siddeley 444p (+35p)
English China 392p (+21p)
Avon Rubber 518p (+38p)
Unilever 493p (+38p)
Hafslund 264p (+23p)
Shion 299p (+35p)
Flekkitt & Coleman 752p (+49p)
Wardle Storeys 282p (+45p)
Marina Devs 323p (+35p)
Atwoods 247p (+23p)
VPI 214p (+51p)
Hawker Drac 215p (+20p)
Tomlinsons 405p (+25p)
FALLS:
Volex Group 350p (-10p)
Culter's Higgs 135p (-5p)
Ridgely Ind 135p (-5p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 9%
3-month Interbank 9 1/8-9 1/4%
3-month eligible bills 8 1/4-9 1/4%
buying rate
US Prime Rate 8 1/4%
Federal Funds 7 1/4-7 1/2%
3-month Treasury Bills 5.92-5.91%
30-year bonds 9 1/2-9 5/8%

CURRENCIES

London
£/\$ 1.7435
£/DM 1.7045
£/SwFr 1.4015
£/FF 16.7825
£/Yen 136.55
£/Index 74.8
£/Index 97.7
£CU 20.691579
SDR 20.782024

GOLD

London Fixing
AM \$481.75 pm \$482.10
Close \$461.75-462.25 (\$265.00-265.50)
New York
Comex \$463.20-463.70

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) 1 pm \$17.80 bbl (\$18.00)
Denotes latest trading price

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Reagan stalls
on tax rises
President may seek to
move budget deadline

From Bailey Morris, Washington

President Reagan was briefed yesterday on the status of the US budget talks as negotiators struggled through a 16th negotiating session, in an effort to find compromises that would produce deficit reductions of \$30 billion (£17.2 billion) in the current fiscal year.

Mr Reagan was briefed on the talks prior to making a speech in which he stated that "hiking tax rates is the wrong step" in reducing the deficit, which is projected at more than \$179 billion in the current fiscal year. It was unclear whether this signalled a change in the President's decision, reported by Republican supporters in Congress, to accept up to \$10 billion in new taxes.

In addition, Mr Reagan said in his address to a national group of insurance executives that he was "determined to achieve at least a \$23 billion reduction in this fiscal year". This figure was below the \$30 billion under consideration by negotiators and equal to the mandatory cuts required under the US budget law. Wall Street has insisted the cuts must exceed \$23 billion.

White House and Congressional officials have predicted that they will agree on an \$80 billion, two-year deficit reduction programme before a critical deadline on Friday.

This programme, \$30 billion in the first year and \$50 billion in the second, would be delivered across-the-board, mandatory budget cuts of \$23 billion if no compromise is reached by Friday. Even if a compromise is reached, the programme could not be enacted into law by the Friday deadline.

The negotiators met as Mr Reagan delivered a strong address, criticizing Congress for playing with fire by considering a protectionist trade bill that could damage the world economy. Mr Reagan will deliver another economic address on Thursday, in which he hopes to announce a budget agreement.

As the talks continued, negotiators said they would present Mr Reagan with a proposed tax increase of between \$9 billion and \$10 billion. It will be up to Mr Reagan to signal his approval.

At the same time, negotiators said they were struggling to find savings of up to \$5 billion in the domestic entitlement programmes.

G7 meeting on the way

By Our Economics Correspondent

Finance ministers of the European Economic Community countries, meeting in Brussels, reaffirmed their commitment to currency stability, and laid the groundwork for a Group of Seven meeting to follow a US budget deal.

There are signs that the West German government has prepared a package for a G7 meeting, to include a cut in the discount rate and a modest increase in the budget deficit next year.

But the official West German position, expressed by the finance minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg yesterday, is that a G7 meeting should not be rushed into.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said: "I believe the Federal Republic is as concerned as anybody else that we should achieve a satisfactory agreement, and I believe there will be an appropriate contribution by the Federal Republic."

Herr Stoltenberg said that the Bonn government would be prepared to allow its budget deficit to rise if there was a shortfall in the Bundesbank's operating profit, but he said that the Government would not bring forward the planned tax cuts for 1990.

The statement from the finance ministers' meeting said: "European countries are determined to improve the conditions for further internally-generated, non-inflationary growth."

"The European countries intend to co-operate actively with other countries in decisions to ensure a more stable development of world financial and foreign exchange markets. To this purpose common and co-ordinated efforts by all countries are needed."

Deadline for foreign R-R shares

Rolls-Royce has written to the owners of 46 million foreign-held shares (nearly 6 per cent of all R-R shares), giving them eight weeks to sell their holding to British investors.

The shares, in excess of the 15 per cent limit permitted by the company's articles of association, have been identified from the share register.

Notices will be sent today to the "excess" shareholders, requiring the shares to be transferred before January 11, 1988.

At the expiry of this 56-day period, the articles of association require R-R to arrange the sale of excess shares not yet transferred on the holder's behalf.

CH Beazer, the construction group, is to buy back the outside shareholdings in its subsidiary, Tod, which has discovered trading problems in one of its subsidiaries.

Only two months ago, Tod, which makes plastics and other components for the defence and building industries, raised £7.2 million from shareholders to finance a couple of acquisitions.

At the time, Tod's chairman, Mr Matthew Thorne, said that prospects for the whole of the group were good and that the group looked forward with confidence to the year ahead.

But yesterday, in a joint statement, Tod and Beazer revealed that a number of factors were "likely to impact adversely on Tod's current-year trading results."

The statement said that profits for the year to end-June were satisfactory but subsequent performance had not matched expectations. The performance of the Straker Construction subsidiary was causing concern.

Tod which is 69 per cent owned by Beazer, revealed earlier this year that it had made a £900,000 asset write-down after the acquisition of Straker.

Yesterday's statement said a big refurbishment contract had suffered substantial delays, and that significant changes in the contract specifications. Provisions may also be needed against certain other contracts, said the statement.

Beazer decided that in the circumstances, and because Tod's activities were now more closely related to its own in the construction industry, it would be in the best interests of Tod to revert to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beazer.

Straker Construction, a private company, was purchased in July 1986 for £1.7 million. The principal vendor, Mr Brian Ashenden, is currently managing director of Straker, which is a specialist subcontractor to the building industry mainly in the design and construction of cladding and suspended ceilings.

Mr Chris Pople, an executive of Beazer, said yesterday that the original asset write-down arose because of the over-valuation of certain contracts. Since Mr Thorne's confident statement, other problems had come to light in Straker.

Terms of the offer from Beazer are 260p cash for each Tod share.

Guinness negotiating secret deal with Ward

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness is negotiating a secret deal with its former director Mr Tom Ward, in an effort to settle all the disputes between them which have already come before the courts in London, Washington and Jersey. The two sides are expected to agree a settlement within the next few weeks.

However, there is a strong chance that the terms of any settlement will not be publicized. Mr Simon Easton, of Calow Easton, Mr Ward's British lawyers, said yesterday: "If there is a settlement the terms will not necessarily be made public."

Negotiations for Mr Ward are being handled by his US lawyers, Williams & Connolly, while Guinness is represented in the US by Arnold & Porter and in Britain by Herbert Smith.

The sides appear to have agreed a basis for their settlement, although Mr Easton refused to disclose details. It is likely that Mr Ward will at least be entitled to some remuneration for the work he did on Guinness's behalf during the takeover of Distillers - but not as much as the £5.2 million he was paid.

Other issues which need to be resolved include the responsibility for the enormous amount in legal fees incurred by both sides. Mr Ward's lawyers are also likely to insist that any settlement be based on Guinness agreeing to abandon any other legal claim it might consider against him.

Guinness has already obtained a court judgment requiring Mr Ward to return the £5.2 million paid to him. He has lodged notice of appeal.

Growth in disposable income leads to record buying

The High Street boom goes on

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Spending in the shops rose strongly last month, hitting record levels and stilling doubts about the durability of the consumer spending boom.

The figures suggest that the pace of spending growth has accelerated in the past four months, to the point where it could be a worry for the Chancellor.

The danger is that consumer spending will continue strongly, while investment is hit by the stock market fall, resurrecting fears about capacity shortages in the economy.

The volume of retail sales rose by 0.8 per cent to 132.9 (1980=100) last month, 6.3 per cent up on its level a year earlier.

In the latest three months the volume of retail sales rose by 2.9 per cent compared with the previous three months, an annualized rate of increase of well over 10 per cent.

Sales volume in the August-October period was nearly 6.5 per cent up on the corresponding period last year.

The average weekly value of sales in October was £2.03 billion, compared with £1.92 billion in September. The value of sales last month was 9 per cent up on a year earlier.

For the first 10 months of the year, sales value showed an increase of 8 per cent, compared with January-October 1986.

The buoyancy of retail sales last month came in spite of the stock market crash in the second fortnight. Economists do not expect a significant "wealth effect" on consumption in Britain from the fall in the markets.

"Share ownership is fairly restricted in Britain," said Mrs Evelyn Brodie, an economist at Morgan Grenfell. "Only a small number of people would be affected, and only the South-east could be expected to suffer from wealth effects."

The most important factor in determining the outlook for retail sales is the strong growth in disposable income. If there is any indication that consumer spending is flagging, it will be open to the Chancellor to top up disposable incomes with tax cuts in the Budget next March.

At present, however, the worries are on the other side. The strength of sales will add to fears about Britain's balance of payments position, particularly the indication that retail sales in Britain are accelerating while demand in the rest of the world is slowing down.

The CBI/FT Distributive Trades Survey, published yesterday, suggests that retailers will enjoy strong demand in the run-up to Christmas.

Prospectus to be sent to 550,000 Britons

Final go-ahead for Eurotunnel

By Michael Tate

The British public is being offered a £206 million stake in Eurotunnel, the group that will build and operate the £5 billion Channel tunnel, which got its final all-clear yesterday.

Full details of the project and of the public issue will be published tomorrow, and prospective investors will be asked to apply for units at 350p each by November 27.

All the 550,000 potential investors who registered with the Eurotunnel Share Information Office will be sent a mini-prospectus and application form.

The issue was given the final go-ahead after investing institutions in the City, in France and around the world had guaranteed the £770 million still needed to set the excavators rolling.

British institutions agreed to underwrite a fraction over 46 per cent of the issue, totalling £353.5 million - the same as the French. Underwriters in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia will take up the rest. This meant that the project could get underway, even if the public did not put up a penny.

At the same time a number of institutions - many of them investors in Equity 2, last year's preliminary funding of the project - were guaranteed £147 million of the units, through the "firm placing" system.

Among the sub-underwriters are Mr Robert Maxwell's privately owned Pergamon group, and its pension funds, which are reported to have put up as much as £37 million, more than 10 per cent of the British issue.

Commenting on the success of the underwriting yesterday, Mr Alastair Morton, the co-chairman of Eurotunnel, said: "This is an historic occasion. The opportunity is now open to the public to join in this great venture." And, referring to the 550,000 who have already registered, he added: "With these levels of interest we can be confident that many members of the public are going to invest in Eurotunnel. I look forward to welcoming them as shareholders."

Over the next two weeks the company's advisers will be stepping up the advertising campaign to try and ensure that all £200 million comes from private investors.

Strong emphasis will be placed on the travel privileges attached to the units, even though it is no longer felt that these perks are essential to the success of the issue. When equity markets were crashing last month it was felt that the prospect of free trips through the tunnel might prove a crucial selling tactic.

The prospectus indicates that holders can expect dividends of 39p a share in 1994, the first full year of operation, suggesting a gross dividend yield of 16 per cent. Dividends will rise to £1.46 a share in 2003 and £22.88 in 2041.

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Unilever raises stake

By Colin Campbell

Unilever, the ice cream to detergents group, yesterday brought to £170 million the amount it has spent so far this year on acquisitions in various parts of the world with a takeover bid in Australia to buy the rest of Bushells Holdings. The bid values Bushells, the foods tea and coffee group, at £73 million.

Unilever already had a 48.9 per cent interest in Bushells through its ownership of the Brooke Bond Group, and yesterday raised this interest to 50.2 per cent after stock market purchases of 1 million shares.

The multinational group also announced results for the three months to end-September showing a 25 per cent rise in pretax profits to £400 million, to give it a nine-month total pretax profit to end-September of £1.12 billion. This compares with £865 million earned in the first three quarters of 1986.

The interim dividend is raised from 2.998p to 3.54p a share.

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Beazer to buy remainder of Tod

By John Bell, City Editor

The statement said that profits for the year to end-June were satisfactory but subsequent performance had not matched expectations. The performance of the Straker Construction subsidiary was causing concern.

Tod which is 69 per cent owned by Beazer, revealed earlier this year that it had made a £900,000 asset write-down after the acquisition of Straker.

Yesterday's statement said a big refurbishment contract had suffered substantial delays, and that significant changes in the contract specifications. Provisions may also be needed against certain other contracts, said the statement.

Beazer decided that in the circumstances, and because Tod's activities were now more closely related to its own in the construction industry, it would be in the best interests of Tod to revert to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Beazer.

Straker Construction, a private company, was purchased in July 1986 for £1.7 million. The principal vendor, Mr Brian Ashenden, is currently managing director of Straker, which is a specialist subcontractor to the building industry mainly in the design and construction of cladding and suspended ceilings.

Mr Chris Pople, an executive of Beazer, said yesterday that the original asset write-down arose because of the over-valuation of certain contracts. Since Mr Thorne's confident statement, other problems had come to light in Straker.

Terms of the offer from Beazer are 260p cash for each Tod share.

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Share Drug up to £2.2m

By John Bell, City Editor

Boosted by a rapid increase in its chain of outlets, Share Drug Stores raised profits 23 per cent last year to £2.205 million. Forty stores were added during the 12 months to bring the total number of outlets to 135, increasing net selling area from 230,000 sq ft to 315,000 sq ft.

Shareholders are to receive a total dividend for the year of 3p per share after a final payment of 1.9p. This compares with a total of 2.4p for the whole of the previous financial year.

Mr Alan Prince, the chairman, said he planned to open about 30 stores in the current year. Contracts had been exchanged on 11 of them and six were already open and trading. The group has the capacity for further additions. In July, an extension to the main warehouse was completed, raising its area by almost half to 107,000 sq ft. This enables Share Drug to serve 200 stores in the future.

The group's long-range planning has identified 260 additional sites within its current Southampton-based trading area. Substantially higher sales over the next few years would increase buying power and lead to further economies of scale, said Mr Prince.

"The drug store sector is still very buoyant and will make further significant gains in market share. I intend that Share Drug Stores will remain one of the major chains in this country," he added.

The past year was especially pleasing as the higher profits had been achieved even though 85 of the 135 stores had been open for less than two years, he said.

But this was a good sign for future profits as stores tended to show higher sales after their first 12 months of trading. Of the 40 stores opened in the last financial year, 16 were acquired from the Billington group last June. They did not contribute to the year just ended, but are expected to generate profits in the 1987-8 financial year.

Dollar's recovery and hopes on US deficit lift shares

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Market-makers were feeling the squeeze yesterday as share prices opened the second leg of the account on a firm note helped by the continued recovery in the dollar and hopes of agreement soon in the US deficit talks.

The focus of attention once again fell on the leaders where double-figure gains were soon established in thin conditions. But prices were unable to maintain their early pace and boiled over towards the close despite a firm start to trading on Wall Street.

Turnover remained low with less than 700 million shares traded. BP new shares

● Morgan Stanley was impressed with recent interim figures from London International Group, showing pretax profits up from £12.2 million to £15 million but it gives a warning that it remains vulnerable to a recession. The shares are only a "buy" if the recession fails to materialize.

accounted for most of this with about 220 million shares changing hands as the price formed 1p to 79.5p. The ordinary rose by 5p to 252p.

The FT-SE 100 index breached the 1,700 level and by 4 pm was 40.4 points up at 1,718.7, having been 55.8 higher earlier in the session. The narrower, FT index of 30 shares also closed below its best levels of the day, but was still 36.4 up at 1,353.5 during the afternoon.

Government securities again lost ground with prices losing more than 1/4 at the longer end.

The big dollar-earners showed signs of recovery with ICI up 20p to £10.65, BAT Industries, 5p higher at 458p, after 463p, Jaguar, 9p up at 328p, and British Aerospace, 5p better at 330p, after 336p.

Prudential-Bache, the New York securities house, has become the latest to produce a portfolio of stocks which is

capable of handling the current volatile conditions. Entitled *Safe Stocks for a Volatile Market*, the list contains about a dozen companies including Royal Insurance, 3p lower at 365p, Commercial Union, 5p dearer at 318p, GEC, 3p higher at 174p, Hanson Trust, 5p better at 134p, Abbey Life, 8p higher at 227p and TSB, 8p dearer at 115p.

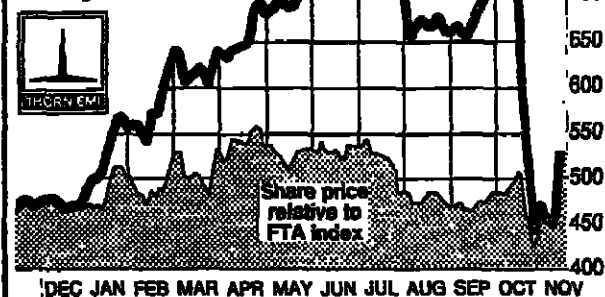
Thorn EMI jumped by 31p to 525p as investors showed interest ahead of two days' of presentations by the company to analysts which are being held at its research laboratories in Hayes, Middlesex, as well as the HMV record store in London's Oxford Street.

Dealers are looking for some good news from the company's chats to analysts which will also coincide with a series of presentations by Mr Colin Southgate, Thorn's managing director and chief executive, concentrating on the rental and retail divisions, technology within the group and the Kenwood and lighting businesses.

The market now takes the view that Thorn EMI is an

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THORN EMI: popular ahead of analysts' visits



attractive growth stock which has been oversold during the collapse after earlier touching a 1987 peak of 830p. The group is seen as being more US-orientated than it really is - US exposure is between 20 and 25 per cent of profits - and Rent-A-Center makes Thorn the world's biggest buyer of television and video sets, with an annual off-take of nearly 2 million units and the power to negotiate cheaper prices from suppliers.

Hopes are high that the interim results, scheduled for December 10, will give the company a boost and that the shares will then enjoy a re-

rating. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, rates them as a "buy" and is forecasting pretax profits of £58.5 million, 4 per cent up on last year's figure of £41.5 million.

BICC, the electric cables and construction group, gained 7p to 288p as County NatWest, the broker, advised clients to buy.

Analysts again believe that BICC has been oversold as fears about the company's exposure to the Australian currency have been overdone. Following good interim results, BICC is reckoned to be producing a strong second-half performance with County NatWest forecasting £135 million pretax for the full year.

Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery and soft drinks group, advanced 7p to 227p as dealers braced themselves for another dawn raid on the shares this week.

There was talk yesterday that General Cinema, the diversified, US theatre chain which made a market sweep last week, increasing its 10 per cent holding in Cadbury to 18.2 per cent by acquiring 57.8 million shares at 220p each, is about to add a further 6 per cent to its holding.

After last week's spending spree, dealers are expecting General Cinema to move quickly and top up its stake to nearer 25 per cent. There is already talk that a full bid of 300p a share - valuing the company at £1.74 billion - may eventually be on the way.

Powerscreen, the supplier of mobile screening equipment, run by Mr Patrick Dougan, the dynamic Irishman and formed by British Benzol's £25 million reverse takeover of Powerscreen, an Irish manufacturer of mineral processors, advanced by 8p to 123p.

Most of British Benzol's original activities have been sold or are up for sale and Mr Dougan claims that prospects for the group are excellent. Recently, he hinted that turnover could soar to £1 billion in four years' time against the current figure of £50 million. He also promised shareholders that the company's progressive dividend policy

● Shares of Glaxo, which have tumbled from £17.50 to under £10 following disappointing figures and the stock market collapse, showed signs of recovery with a rise of 42p to £11.12. Later today, a group of analysts will be flying out to Glaxo's operations in North Carolina.

will be continued and that the dependence on the old, fuel-related Benzol business will be reduced.

Kleinwort Grieson Securities, the broker, rates the shares as a strong "buy." Analysts are expecting that this year's profit target of £10 million will be exceeded as the group's acquisition programme begins to bear fruit.

Midland Bank, the smallest of the big four clearers, rose by 17p to 405p, still excited by last week's news that the HongKong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is to take a 14.9 per cent stake in the group.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, believes that the deal will give Midland a "fortress" balance sheet with the strongest capital ratios in the British banks sector and is advising clients to switch from Lloyds into Midland. Lloyds, however, rose by 8p to 258p.

The stores sector gave a strong performance, helped by October's retail sales figures showing the volume of goods sold up 0.8 per cent on the month and no sign of slowing down in the run-up to Christmas.

Burton jumped by 12p to 231p ahead of Thursday's preliminary figures. County NatWest, the broker, is going for pretax profits of £181 million compared with £148.2 million last year. Analysts expect a good advance at Debenhams which will benefit from the Oxford Street refurbishment where sales are running 40 per cent ahead of last year. Earnings growth is expected to be 17 per cent, followed by 15 per cent in 1987/88. Prudential-Bache also rates the shares as a "buy."

Sears, the Selfridges, Saxe stores and William Hill betting group, rallied by a fraction to 129p as more than 2.5 million shares changed hands.

Storehouse, the British Home Stores, Habitat Mothercare, Richards and Heal's retailing group, chaired by Sir Terence Conran, gained 9p to 272p.

Last week, only a meagre 0.2 per cent of Storehouse shareholders had accepted the audacious, all-paper offer from Benlox.

Mr Peter Earl, the man behind the Benlox bid, yesterday played down Press reports that Benlox had amassed acceptances of 30 per cent or more. He gave a warning that it would be fruitless to speculate on any intentions which the board of Benlox may have.

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Rich pickings for Unilever

Unilever has been spreading the Flora margarine at home and selling its ice-creams in Southern Europe at a fair lick in the three months ended September. This, together with sound volume growth in other parts of the empire, has put a shine on latest results.

Especially encouraging was the record operating margins - 9 per cent in the three months ended September compared with 7.35 per cent in the June quarter - which all helped the past quarter's pretax profits rise from £319 million to £400 million. Unilever now sports a nine-month tally of £1.12 billion, against £865 million.

It does, however, beg the question as to how much more can be squeezed out of margins, although the assessment that Unilever is set fair for pretax profits around the £1.38 billion mark come year-end still stands.

The nine months results have benefited to the tune of £50 million because of the earlier change in depreciation policy, and there is a calendar quirk about a shorter working final quarter to remember. But this does not detract from what has been a good underlying performance in a number of areas, notably North America.

With significant contributions from Chesebrough-Pond's - which probably chipped in £630 million on the turnover front and around £103 million at the operating level in the nine months - and helped by a sizeable contribution from Lipton, results from across the Atlantic are assuming a greater importance. At £201 million against £64 million for the nine months North America now accounts for 16.8 per cent of group operating profits, and is set to grow.

The full impact of Unilever's recent acquisition programme and on-going housekeeping has yet to be felt.

In the financial year to date, Unilever has bought 18 companies across the world for a total outlay of £170 million, and has sold off 25 companies from which it reaped £1.6 billion.

By balance sheet date, gearing levels should be much improved, and given its muscle it can not be that long before Unilever is on the acquisition trail again.

The shares were 25p higher at 488p on results, where they traded at 11.8 times earnings. They remain a sound, long-term hold.

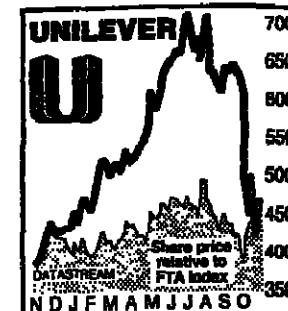
Unigate pays price

Too much store should not be set by Unigate's poor interim profits performance. The group is in the midst of an extensive restructuring programme which is not being achieved without some cost to the bottom line.

In particular, the sale of its engineering businesses for £22 million robbed the interim profit of the £1.5 million they earned in the previous year. This was compounded by the lack of any compensating drop in the interest charge, as the proceeds of the sale were not credited until the end of the first half.

Indeed, interest costs more than doubled in the period as Unigate spent £50 million on expansion and £40 million on new acquisitions.

This expenditure has meant that the debt-equity ratio has been moving up steadily. The target range within which the group feels comfortable is between 30 per cent and 50 per cent, and at



Wardle Stores

Having more than £10 million lopped off his personal wealth in the last month has done little to subdue Brian Taylor, managing director of Wardle Stores.

He rightly revels in the strong underlying growth achieved last year in the group's core technical products division - up 75 per cent - and points to the as yet not fully realized potential of the safety and survival businesses and the recently acquired Weston Hyde Coated Fabrics.

The Taylor philosophy is to put margin before volume, so rising raw material costs, particularly in crucial PVC resin, have been passed on to customers. This is not a problem if demand holds up but if recession loomed, Wardle may have to sacrifice sales.

Technical excellence and product development is improving returns in the safety and survival division. Wardle is concentrating on products at the top end of the range of inflatable, parachutes and other escape systems.

Weston Hyde made a better-than-expected contribution but is far from earning a satisfactory return. This year, it could experience a 10 percentage point gross margin increase.

Wardle has net cash of £24 million which will grow during the year. Now that cash appears to be the king, the list of companies which Wardle may wish to acquire and, more importantly, can afford is expanding.

However, Wardle remains insistent it does not need to make acquisitions.

This may be the case, but with a more mundane earnings growth - 15 per cent higher at 40.3p - Mr Taylor and his team may become bored with such a pedestrian performance and look around for acquisitions to add spice to their lives.

Meanwhile, the management is worth backing.

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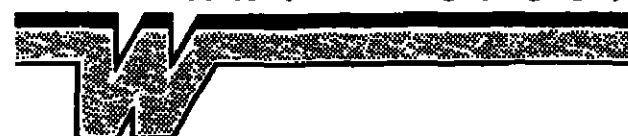
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OECD cuts growth forecast of world economy to 1.75%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

New forecasts from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development suggest the world economy will slow as a result of the stock market crash, but that a slump will be avoided.

Economists at the Paris-based organization expect the crash to reduce world growth by 0.5 percentage points, cutting the annualized growth rate over the next 18 months to 1.75 per cent from the 2.25 per cent rate previously predicted.

The forecasts were presented to senior officials from the 24 OECD member countries on the first day of a two-day Economic Policy Committee meeting.

In today's discussions, friction is likely to emerge on the appropriate policy actions for ensuring that the recession is not deeper than implied by the OECD forecast.

Both West Germany and Japan acted yesterday to counter criticisms that they were not doing enough to restore growth and confidence in the wake of the stock market crash.

The projected growth rate of 1.75 per cent next year and in the first half of 1989, at an annual rate, compared with an expected growth rate for this year of 2.25 per cent.

However, the forecasts only take into account the direct wealth effects of the stock market crash on consumer spending, mainly in the US. They do not allow for the possible impact of the crash on confidence, which could hit investment and consumer spending by more than the wealth effect suggests.

The Economic Policy Committee meeting is chaired by Mr Beryl Sprinkel, chairman of President Reagan's Council

of Economic Advisers. He provided the meeting with the latest indication of the likely outcome of the budget negotiations in Washington.

Mr Sprinkel has opposed tax increases as a means of cutting the US budget deficit.

The West German and Japanese delegations gave big presentations to the meeting, largely in an effort to convince fellow OECD members that growth in their countries was reviving.

Herr Molitor, a senior official at the Economics Ministry in Bonn, gave the West German presentation. However, his own minister, Herr Martin Bangemann, has recently urged the Bonn government to consider further expansionary action after a US budget deal.

The latest OECD forecasts, to be published next month, while relatively encouraging

on growth prospects, is understood to show very little narrowing of the US trade deficit and the Japanese and West German surpluses.

Sir Peter Middleton, the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, represented Britain at the talks.

The OECD forecasts for growth are not significantly out of line with projections from the Treasury and the Bank of England. The Treasury forecast in its Autumn Statement that growth in the seven leading economies next year would be 2 per cent, after 2.5 per cent this year.

The Bank of England, in its Quarterly Bulletin, published last week, predicted growth in the principal six overseas economies (the Group of Seven excluding Britain) of 2.3 per cent next year and 2.2 per cent in 1989.

Royal praise for Per Cent

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Per Cent Club, comprising companies that donate at least a half per cent of pretax profits to charity, was praised by the Prince of Wales, yesterday as "the wave of the future".

Addressing the first annual meeting of the club, which he launched in December last year, the Prince said the rapid growth in its membership confirmed that the club represented "an idea whose time has arrived".

The concept was simple, straightforward and almost universally popular. "It is manifestly to the good of all who participate. For that very basic reason I believe it is heralding what will become the wave of the future."

The club has no central fund, and companies control their own contributions to a variety of causes including education, job creation schemes, local economic development, the arts and charities.

Figures released yesterday suggest that the Per Cent Club members have given about £84 million this year. Some companies give more than the half per cent of published pretax profits.

In its annual report, the club — now with more than 100 members — says they see private sector involvement in the community "as an integral part of corporate life, which can improve both business itself and the relationship between the business sector and the community."

Increased publicity attached to contributions that are profit-linked has two beneficial results, it adds. "It can stimulate other companies to follow the example of the club members, and can also help to improve the relationship between local communities and the private sector, by publicizing the scale of existing commitments."

Among members are Allied Dunbar Assurance, which gives 1.5 per cent of profits to Third World and inner city charities; Amersham International, which sponsors a lollipop lady for a local school; Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, which sponsored a children's production at the National Theatre; Laura Ashley, which provides furniture and furnishings for a mentally handicapped children's home; and Price Waterhouse, which contributed 4 per cent of profits to community schemes, including a study on West Midlands regeneration.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Sir Adam grasping at European straws

The Monopolies Commission report may have turned out well for British Airways, but it did not do many good turns for British Caledonian.

B-Cal's long-term future was in doubt before the report. Now Sir Adam Thomson, a man of great fighting qualities, has lost even more of his bargaining strength as a result of the stock market crash and the concessions BA had to make to the commission. The fallen market has a secondary impact because of its influence on the level of available business.

In advance of talks over a new British Airways bid, Sir Adam is understandably anxious to give the impression that he has alternative business plans and does not depend on the reduced bid Lord King is expected to produce by the December 2 takeover deadline. Sir Adam wants to start talking from the original £237 million bid. Or rather from the £220 million cash alternative, since the slump in BA's share price has cut the paper offer to £155 million. He might then concede that circumstances have changed a little, what with one thing and another and the sale of B-Cal's hotels. The suggestion might be that £180-200 million would be deemed acceptable to 3i and other big shareholders.

Even that might bring no more than a tiger's smile to the faces of Lord King and his redoubtable finance director, Gordon Dunlop. They are more likely to be thinking in terms of B-Cal's latest asset value of £97 million, which is also the rough market value of the estimated extra £40 million profits from putting the two airlines together.

Sir Adam desperately needs a credible alternative in the shape of one or more European airlines taking a stake, short of control. KLM ruled itself out yesterday. The joint Scandinavian airline system (SAS) and Air France are also esconced in the departure lounge for rumours and hints.

The trouble is that such schemes were thought of before Sir Adam (or at least the B-Cal board) opted to sell to his rival, Lord King. Earlier, SAS and Alitalia were the favourites, with vague talk of a three-way link with SAS and Belgium's Sabena. Any such link would effectively have required approval of the Transport Department and the Civil Aviation Authority, in terms of monopoly investigation and satisfying the CAA that B-Cal was not foreign-controlled. Otherwise, B-Cal would have had to give up routes where it was a designated British carrier.

Some influential voices would have preferred such a solution, but only if the country of origin of the newcomer adopted the same intra-European competition agreed, for instance, between Britain and Holland. It could have been a lever to open up the airways. But such deals were not available with Italy or Denmark, which are particularly restric-

tive. France hardly seems more promising. Would BA be allowed to buy into France's second-force airline?

These problems would remain in any new deal. Yet the undoubted threat of a merged BA/B-Cal will have concentrated the minds of other Continental airlines. They may be anxious to offer more favourable deals — putting up more money for a smaller stake. But this could only be a solution for B-Cal if it were effectively integrated with its new partner's network.

As in the Westland case, the Continental alternative still looks more useful as a bargaining counter than as a genuine alternative, long-term solution for B-Cal's shareholders. Sir Adam may hope, as top whack, to persuade BA to maintain its share offer. He would appear to have little chance of a cash bid of more than about £130 million. Given the character of the man, the negotiations should be lively.

Tunnel awaits public

For Eurotunnel, the agonizing stage of financing is over now that underwriters have guaranteed that the main tranche of equity will be raised. Loans can be released and building work can go ahead in earnest.

Evidently, it was touch and go (Robert Maxwell's involvement came in an early stage; he came not as a late saviour). Fortunately, the stock market recovered somewhat just at the right moment; but, bearing in mind all the circumstances, the firm placing of more than 40 per cent of the issue with institutional investors is a triumph. For other potential investors, the anguish of deciding whether to back the project is just beginning. After the prospectus is published tomorrow, there will be a week to decide.

It is a complicated affair, with shares in British and French companies grouped in units and separately-quoted warrants to subscribe for further units at £4.60 in three years' time. Such complexities reflect the original intention of aiming at the sophisticated investor who wants capital gains in the years up to the scheduled opening in 1993, and dividends thereafter. The commitment to pay out virtually all profits in dividends is helpful.

Necessity has, however, changed the emphasis to attract a different kind of investor through the travel privileges. Calculations will be made on the potential value of (almost) free trips on the shuttle. These have real value but, except for frequent and regular travellers, are probably not sufficient reason alone for buying the shares, not least because the travel benefits are not transferable.

Investors should look at the equity in terms of a reasonable risk for a potentially high reward, initially in terms of capital gain between now and 1994.

GRA slow out of the traps at 100p

By Cliff Feltham

GRA, the dog track group now merged with Wembley Stadium, made a disappointing stock market comeback yesterday. The GRA shares had been suspended at 150p while the deal was worked out and some investors were expecting them to reach 200p when dealings started again. But they were traded at about 100p instead.

Mr Brian Wolfson, who has taken over as chairman, was not unhappy at the price. "The suspension of a company's shares causes a lot of pent-up demand among sellers. GRA was also suspended during the big market shake-out and it is possible some people got into trouble with their investments and needed to sell as soon as the opportunity arose."

Mr Wolfson is thinking of changing GRA to incorporate the "magic of the Wembley name" as soon as possible and hopes to unveil more exciting plans for the stadium's development, probably soon after Christmas.

Mr Wolfson, and a consortium, including Mr Tony Clegg, the Mountleigh property group chief, merged their private company which owned Wembley Stadium into GRA, which owns six dog tracks, including Catford and Wimbledon, to create a big leisure group.

Clegg cashes in on trust

By Our City Staff



Finding buyers: Tony Clegg, Mountleigh chairman

Mr Tony Clegg, the property "break-up" specialist who is chairman of Mountleigh Group, has found buyers for nearly half the £271 million portfolio he acquired with the takeover of Pension Fund Property Unit Trust (PFPUT).

The biggest sale, for £35 million, involved a large agricultural site near Chesham, Essex, with considerable development potential. Mr Clegg's team has so far sold 20 of the 45 plots in the portfolio. PFPUT has a wide range of shops, offices and industrial and agricultural properties in Britain, and was taken over by Mountleigh in the face of competition from Trafalgar House.

Since acquiring PFPUT Mr Clegg has also been shopping in Spain, picking up the country's second largest department store chain for £153 million. He still has a small stake in Storehouse, after dropping plans for a full bid when his offer of 445p a share was turned down.

Borland half-year profits up 54%

By Alexandra Jackson

Borland International, the California computer software company quoted on London's Unlisted Securities Market, reported better than expected results for the six months to end-September, showing pretax profits 54 per cent higher at \$4.9 million (£2.7 million), on sales up from \$14.1 million to \$25.6 million.

The second half will include a useful contribution from

Ansa Software, acquired at the end of the reporting period, and should also benefit as new products come on-stream.

Borland's spread sheet product, Quattro, which has already been well-received by the pundits, will be shipped to distributors within the next few weeks. A revamped version of Paradox, the database management system, is scheduled to be shipped in December.

Both these products are expected to accelerate Borland's progress in the corporate market.

Ms Jane Anson, an investment analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the securities house, is forecasting pretax profits of \$13 million for the full year, giving earnings per share of 13.5 cents. The share rose 15p yesterday to 140p.

Ratcliffe agrees merger with United

By Lawrence Lever

The long-awaited merger between United Spring & Steel Group and Ratcliffe Industries, materialized yesterday after being held up by the recent stock market crash.

The merger, in the form of an agreed offer by United for Ratcliffe, values the latter at £11.1 million and its shares at 136.5p each on the basis of seven United shares for every four Ratcliffe. This compares with Ratcliffe's share price of 280p before Black Monday.

Mr John Cowen, the Ratcliffe chairman and former

chief executive of Henry Ansbacher the merchant bank, will become chairman of the combined group which is to be called United Industries. Mr Cowen claimed yesterday that the group would be "the largest manufacturer of coil springs in the UK."

The group will produce springs with a wide variety of applications from precision instruments to heavy automotive engineering.

On Ratcliffe's dramatic share price fall, Mr Cowen said: "We were originally going to bid for them on a seven-for-four basis. Our

shareholders will get exactly what they would have done, in other words 45 per cent of the combined group."

The catalyst for the merger has been BBA Group, the motor components company which has 23.6 per cent of Ratcliffe and 12.4 per cent of United. This will give it 17 per cent of the merged group which it intends to build up to 20 per cent.

Ratcliffe also announced yesterday that it expects to make profits of up to £1 million in the current year. If achieved, this will herald a return to the black for

Ratcliffe for the first time in six years.

United is estimating profits for the year to September 30 of at least £1.6 million before tax and a final dividend of 1.8p.

Mr Brian Fenwick-Smith, the current chairman of United, is retiring while all the other Ratcliffe board members will join the combined group's board. Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale and a director of a Ratcliffe subsidiary, will also be part of the enlarged group.

The group will have a market capitalization of almost £25 million.

Guinness good for gumshoes

It is clear that the Guinness affair has been very good for the legal profession — just about every top law firm has been signed up. Now I hear that private detectives in Britain, Switzerland and the US have also been bedding up their trenchcoats and padding around the darker corners of the City's seamstress scandal for years. The gumshoes have been hired to keep track of the unravelling threads of the Guinness affair and the company's missing millions.

Herbert Smith, Guinness's lawyer, has used detective Don Collins to carry out various unspecified work in this country. Collins, who is charging a modest £25 an hour for his time, is understandably reticent to explain exactly what work he has done for Guinness. Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, Ivan Bosky, who was given \$100 million of Guinness's money to invest, is being tailed constantly by a pack of private eyes.

The disgraced former "King of the Arabs," who is believed to be close to agreeing to help Scotland Yard's Fraud Squad in its enquiries, was actually booked on several flights from New York to London, including a Concorde flight on September 25. This is apparently a favourite tactic of Bosky, who himself used to have people watched so as to help his information network.

His "imminent" arrival on these shores prompted a gaggle of excited detectives to rush off to Heathrow to greet

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Maxwell house-style

Surely there can be no truth in the rumours washing round the City that Eurotunnel may be heading for change of name now that publishing tycoon Robert Maxwell has become involved in the project's financing? The talk suggests that Maxwell, who recently — and, let it be said, reluctantly — changed the title of his

the great man. Alas, he failed to appear.

Quarter daze

Some set their watches by Big Ben, others by the noon-day gun. But if you fancy a change, and don't mind being able to check the time only once every three months, then try Unile-



"I'm not totally against it, but frankly, old boy, I think they should pay"

ver's quarterly profit statement. Without fail, and for as long as time can remember, the group's quarterly results are issued at 12.16pm, on the dot. The curious practice stems from Unilever's Dutch connections, and is a hangover from the lazy days when the Amsterdam stock exchange used to close at 12.15pm. The Amsterdam bourse now trades for longer hours, and 1987 has arrived. So isn't it time somebody told the little boy that he can pull his finger out of the dyke?

● Crisis? What crisis? As Christmas nears, the famous scarf Saks Fifth Avenue Christmas catalogue routinely slapped on the more important desks on Wall Street and in corporate head offices up and down America is offering the following from Santa — ostrich skin briefcases at \$1,650, fur coats at \$39,500 and, for the younger executive, still on pocket money rather than share options, a 15mph miniature Mercedes at \$4,000.

Gone with the wind

David Puttnam, the ousted head of Hollywood's Columbia film studios, no longer has a place to park his Audi Quattro. In a city where the idea of life without a car is even more fanciful than the concept of life without an agent, such a move is regarded as the final cut. Last weekend workmen carted Puttnam's antique Beidermeier furnishings out of his office and painted over his executive parking space. The executive suite, which he had occupied for just over a year, is now being readied for the arrival of the studio's new film division president, Dawn Steel. Puttnam's departure, of course, was no surprise. The English producer last month resigned from his job as boss of Columbia after it merged with Tri-Star Films, and the producer of such box-office and critical hits as *Chariots of Fire* and *The Killing Fields* found himself out in the cold. But it is not likely to be too chilly a homecoming for Puttnam, who was expected to remain on the Columbia lot until December 31. He heads to London with a reported payoff of some \$8 million in his bank account. In the wake of Puttnam's departure Columbia indulged in wholesale firings of executives — many of them brought in by the Englishman — plus massive staff cutbacks in the film and television divisions. "Suddenly," said an anxious studio employee, "there are answering machines where secretaries used to be."

Joe Joseph

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Japan call for overhaul of finance system

From David Watts, Tokyo

A government advisory panel has recommended a thorough review of Japan's financial systems, including the separation of commercial banking and securities business.

Draft recommendations released by a sub-committee of the Financial System Research Committee, said commercial banks and securities companies should be allowed to do business on each other's turf through subsidiaries.

The recommendations also call for the removal of restrictions on banking services, including the separation of short and long-term finance services and of trust banking and other special banking services from ordinary banking business.

The draft says Japan is now required to reform its overall financial systems in response to worldwide financial decontrol and international

integration of financial and capital markets.

The sub-committee will finalize its recommendations on November 27 for submission to the Ministry of Finance. The ministry is expected to have a lot of difficulty implementing the recommendations given the conflicts of interest between the various financial institutions.

Separation of commercial banking and securities business is provided for in Article 65 of the Securities and Exchange Law which prohibits banks from doing securities business, including securities underwriting.

On commercial banking institutions the recommendations said that ordinary banks and city and regional banks should be allowed to take in more than three-year deposits and issue bonds to penetrate business areas now open to the three long-term credit banks.

Holmes à Court says Bell has no need to sell assets



'Not forced to sell Sears stake': Robert Holmes à Court

From Richard Battley, Sydney

Bell Group, the flagship of Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur, had not been asked by bankers to sell any assets, a company spokesman said yesterday.

It was also not interested in selling its 8.3 per cent stake in Sears, the British retailer.

"Sears is a very valuable holding and we will not be forced to sell it for what is being offered," he said.

The Sunday Times in London had reported that Bell was on the brink of selling its Sears stake for Aus\$338 million (£133 million).

The Bell spokesman confirmed, however, that the group had received numerous offers for various assets. These had been rejected because there was "no pressure to sell".

Last Friday, Bell sold seven properties in Perth, the Western Australian capital, for Aus\$206 million, making a profit of Aus\$40 million.

"We were taking advantage of the market-place with a

view that we thought the property market would not hold up," the spokesman said.

Yesterday, JN Taylor Holdings, a Bell Group associate, said it had received Aus\$225 million for its shares in John Fairfax, the media group. This represented a profit of Aus\$31 million, it said in a statement to the stock exchange.

Mr Holmes à Court had used the 8.8 per cent stake to negotiate the purchase of certain Fairfax assets, notably the Australian Financial Review, the country's sole daily financial newspaper.

The Bell spokesman said the group's much-publicized Aus\$1 billion "loss" was merely a market capitalization "loss" and that too much of a "song and dance" had been made of it. Bell had "nothing particular" for sale in the near future, he added.

Both Bell Group and its stable mate, Bell Resources, were in renewed demand yesterday. The former jumped 15 cents to close at Aus\$2.10, the latter 25 cents to Aus\$1.65.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

Spandex rises by 70% to £1.2m at halfway

Spandex, the USM-quoted computerized sign-making equipment distributor, yesterday unveiled a 70 per cent increase in profits before tax for the six months to August 31. The rise, from £740,000 to £1.2 million, was achieved on turnover up from £5.3 million to £9.6 million.

The immediate reaction was a 30p leap in Spandex's share price to 320p before the shares fell back slightly. The shares came to the USM a year ago via a placing at 170p. Earnings per share rose by 56.8 per cent from 5.1p to 8p and the company is paying an interim dividend of 1p.

Honorbilt to buy importer

Honorbilt, the menswear manufacturer and distributor, is paying up to £1.2 million for Robert Van Gyls Desigas, which imports and makes suits, jackets and trousers. The initial consideration will be 36,363 new ordinary shares of Honorbilt. The deferred consideration will be based on net profits over a five-year period.

Bejam sets up new division

Bejam Group, the freezer centre chain, is setting up a new offshoot to handle its £70 million property portfolio. The group now trades from more than 300 retail outlets of which 73 are freehold. In the current year Bejam will have opened 40 new freezer food centres and Victor Value discount supermarkets and has more in the pipeline for next year.

Voilex up to £2.8m

Voilex Group, the manufacturer of electrical accessories including vehicle wiring systems, raised pre-tax profits from £2 million to £2.8 million during the opening six months of this year. Sales rose from £31.6 million to £37.3 million.

Mr Peter Frost, chairman, says the spread of activities from car wiring systems and moulded plugs through to specialist communication cables gave opportunities for sound growth. The company is increasing its capital expenditure to ensure future growth. The interim dividend goes up from 3.3p a share to 4p. The shares were 10p easier at 350p.

RTZ offshoot in US buy

Hi-Tek Polymers, a member of RTZ Group's chemicals division, has bought Lyndal Chemical from the New York-based Millmaster Group for \$9 million (£5.2 million). Hi-Tek is a leading supplier of natural gums.

Connells in expansion

Connells Estate Agents is buying Hallam Brackett, a firm of commercial property surveyors based in Nottingham and Derby, for £893,888. Hallam Brackett's profits last year were £186,882.

Pensions help out ANZ on bad debt

From Our Correspondent, Sydney

The ANZ Banking Group offset Third World bad debt provisions of Aus\$158 million (£61.9 million) against an abnormal staff pension fund surplus of the same amount to declare an Aus\$385.1 million profit for the year to September 30, 22 per cent more than the previous year.

The directors said the pension fund terms required the surplus to be transferred to the bank.

Mr Will Bailey, the managing director, said: "Frankly, it is abnormal. By pushing up your bottom line and making your profit better than it is, that is not the right way to present your accounts."

It allowed the bank to increase its bad debt provisions for loans to 22 debt-rescheduling countries according to "guidelines by the Bank of England". These totalled Aus\$1.5 billion, 2.4 per cent of assets (3 per cent in the previous year).

The directors declared a

Car perks 'costing' £1.1bn in revenue

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Company car tax perks cost the Government £1.1 billion a year in lost revenue, new calculations by the Institute for Fiscal Studies show.

Removing the perks would allow the Chancellor almost enough to cut the basic rate of income tax for everyone by 1p in the pound, or raise child benefits by 30 per cent.

The IFS, in the latest edition of *Fiscal Studies*, published today, says the tax privileges on company cars also distort the market for cars and other forms of transport.

Removing the tax privileges could act to the detriment of the British motor industry, the IFS concedes, because company car buyers have a greater tendency to purchase cars assembled in Britain. But it would be more efficient to subsidize the car industry directly, it says.

Company car purchases

Western Mining issue raises full A\$838m

By Colin Campbell

Western Mining Corporation, which bravely launched a huge rights issue in September, and then saw its shares fall from A\$9.94 to a low of A\$2.40 in the October crash, has successfully raised the A\$838 million (£327.3 million) it sought.

The mining group had offered new shares in the ratio of one-for-four at A\$5 each. The issue was not underwritten.

When the issue closed on Monday last week, the group was advised that there was no reasonable chance that a trustee could place shares not taken up by ordinary investors

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City of Westminster

TENDER LIST FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF LEISURE CENTRES

As part of its policy of providing services on a value for money basis, the City Council will be inviting selected companies to tender for the management of the City Council's five indoor leisure centres.

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From the 1 December 1987 until the 17 February 1988 a detailed specification of this work which has yet to receive formal Council approval can be inspected at the addresses shown below between 10.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday. In addition from the 1 December 1987 any person requiring a copy of the detailed specification may obtain upon one payment of £150 from the Director of Leisure, City of Westminster, City Hall, PO Box 240, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP.

It is the Council's intention to invite selected companies to tender for this work and that these invitations will be issued on or soon after the 17 February 1988. If you consider your company can meet the challenge of managing the leisure centres and providing the extensive range of services required to the highest standards, you are invited to write to David Bryant, Director of Leisure, providing details of your experience in the field of leisure management, together with a list of senior personnel and details of their experience and professional qualifications.

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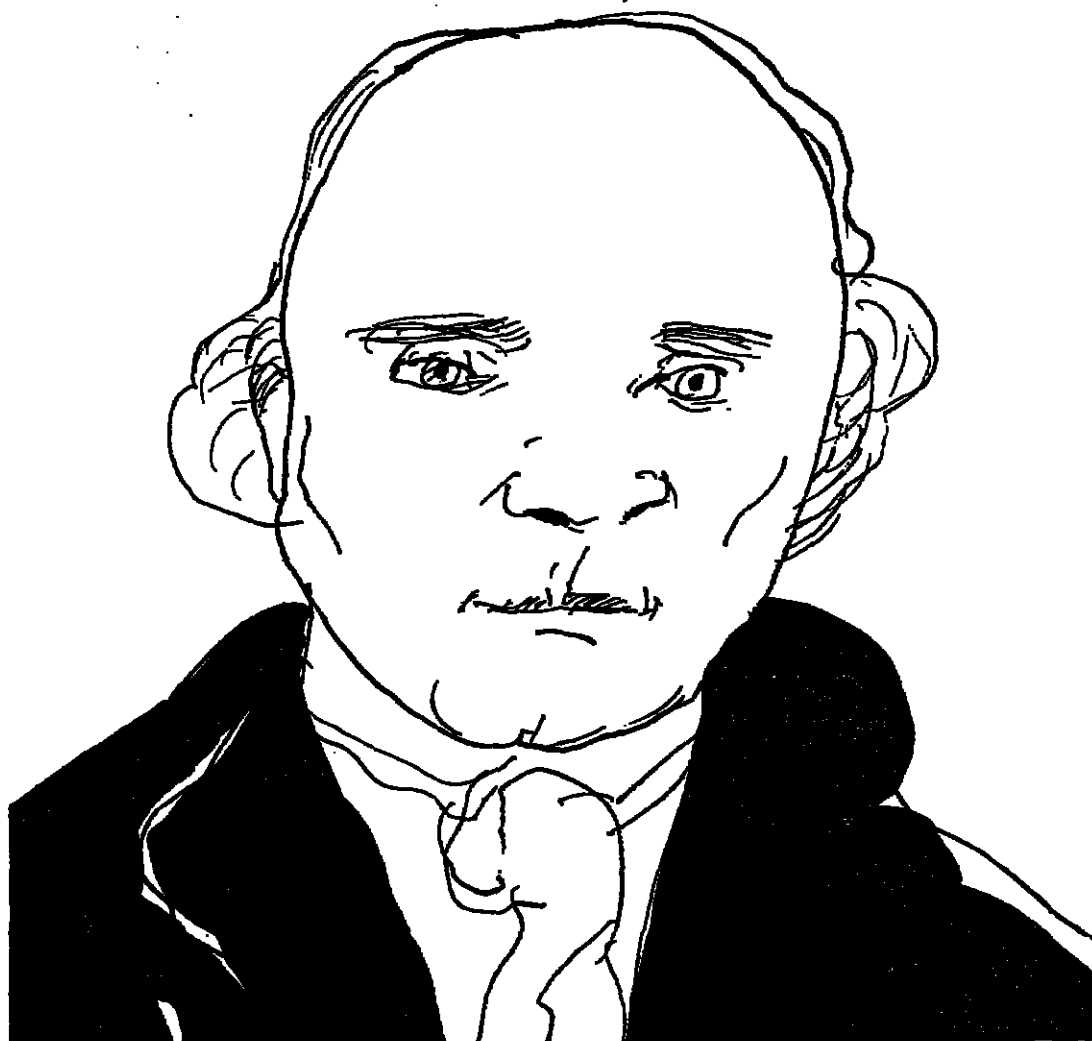
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11	Hacking Pentecost	Textiles	
12	BBA	Industrial A-D	
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14	Connolly	Property	
15	IMI (as)	Industrial A-D	
16	WCRS	Paper/Print/Adv	
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18	STC (as)	Electricals	
19	BBP Ind (as)	Building/Roads	
20	Alumina	Industrial A-D	
21	Bennison	Paper/Print/Adv	
22	Bentley (as)	Textiles	
23	Continuity Ind	Industrial A-D	
24	Travis & Arnold	Building/Roads	
25	Equity & Gen	Bank/Discount	
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29	Davies & Met 'A'	Industrial A-D	
30	Hatcham Whampoa	Industrial A-D	
31	Cosham	Building/Roads	
32	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
33	Bentley (as)	Draper/Stores	
34	TSE (as)	Bank/Discount	
35	Amersham	Chemicals/Plas	
36	Scynore	Industrial A-D	
37	Domino	Electricals	
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Security risks

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Security risk from low salaries?

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By Matthew May

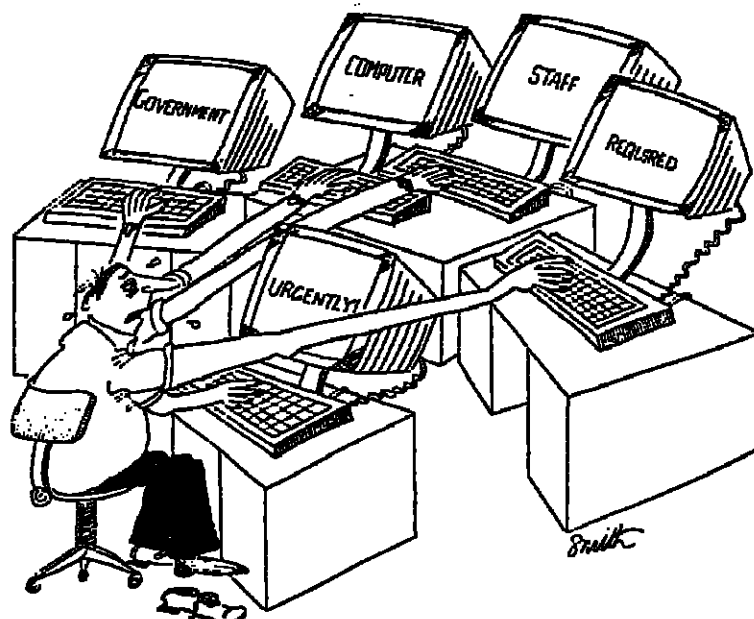
The shortage of experienced computer staff in government departments is becoming an increasing worry. In an industry that continually worries about skill shortages, the public sector, and the Civil Service, in particular, are seen by prospective employees as having low salaries and few of the perks of the private sector — which makes their problems even more acute.

Last week a report from the independent National Audit Office said that the computer-security risks facing the departments were extensive — and worsening. The report expressed particular concern about the many departments that have no contingency plans to cope with computer disasters or standby arrangements.

It said: "Without adequate computer security, government operations may be disrupted, public assets may be put at risk and the confidentiality of commercial, personal or national security information might be breached."

Specifically cites staff and skills shortages as seriously hampering the work of the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, whose duties include providing guidance on computer security.

The division of the CCTA that looks after that area is losing a fifth of its staff each year, is unable to recruit



experts and for most of 1985-86 had vacancies in four of five team leader posts.

With the Government unable to compete with private-sector salaries, the use of consultants has increased dramatically. In 1986-87 the budget for computer security was £588,000 and £320,000 of that went on consultancy fees.

That inability by the Civil Service to recruit experienced computer staff was shown most recently in a scheme

to hire up to 250 experienced programmers. Only 68 staff were appointed and only 13 of those were people from the private sector.

Before this scheme, the 20,000 people working in information technology in 40 government departments had conventionally been taken on straight from school or university. Internal promotion was the usual way of replacing the experienced computer staff leaving for the larger salaries of the private sector. A survey from the

National Computing Centre earlier this year found that public-sector salaries were below the national average for all but two of the 27 job categories in computing that the NCC monitors with the largest gaps in London and the South-East.

Though special allowances for information technology staff have been introduced — up to £2,000 extra for certain grades — the Government shows no sign of following the City's answer to computer-staff shortages: paying whatever it takes to get the right staff.

Computer managers working in the finance sector generally, for example, are earning more than £22,000 a year — a premium of nearly £5,000 over the national average. The top jobs can fetch well over £50,000.

Little surprise then that the Civil Service is finding it hard to compete when hiring computer jobs into its conventional grading structure. But the problems it causes and the increasing move towards using private consultancy and software firms on contract is likely to turn out more expensive.

While central government has relatively modest plans for increasing expenditure on information technology generally — up to £1.65 billion in 1987-88 compared to £1.41 for 1985-86 — the amount spent on outside consultancy and private-sector staff in government IT is set to rise to £110 million over the same period, which is more than double.

Unisys spends £170m to grow even bigger

By Calvin Sims

Unisys, the huge computer company formed by the merger of Sperry and Burroughs, has agreed to acquire Timeplex, a leading supplier of communications networks, in a stock swap valued at more than \$300 million (about £170 million).

The acquisition gives Unisys, the third-largest computer maker behind IBM and Digital Equipment, access to network-communications technology that has become crucial to the information-processing industry.

The move also represents the first major expansion since the merger.

Analysts said that the offer, which requires the approval of Timeplex's shareholders, re-

presented a clear value to shareholders. Unisys said the final price of the offer could not be determined until the transaction was closed — in about four months.

Timeplex, based in New Jersey, makes long-distance networking equipment for voice and data communications.

Unisys said it planned to operate Timeplex as a separate unit. Unisys Networks, to be headed by Timeplex's chairman and chief executive, Edward Botwinick.

The network's division will build communications networks that manage all forms of information, including voice, video and data, for large corporations and governmental agencies. Timeplex's transmission products and

services are based on the so-called T-1 circuit technology, one of the fastest-growing segments of the communications market. These circuits can carry more than 1.5 million bits of information a second.

Other companies are also entering the T-1 market. IBM recently agreed to sell T-1 switches made by Network Equipment Technologies, one of Timeplex's rivals.

Jay Stevens, an analyst with Dean Witter Reynolds, commented: "Anyone who expects to become a major player in the computer industry must have some type of communications link because customers are asking them to design systems that meet all of their information needs."

Richard Sarson notes a change on the exhibition front

Computer recruitment fairs are a recent addition to the ways of finding experienced staff in the midst of a severe skills shortage. Now they are changing shape and aiming at more specific groups of people.

Last week, for example saw DEC Checkpoint, a fair specifically for people with experience of computers made by Digital Equipment.

It followed a similar one for IBM people in the summer and is organized by the same group that presents more general fairs for computer people.

The number of eager candidates turning up for these mini-fairs is smaller than the thousands who attend the general, but organizers believe that the employers who take stands face a better chance of seeing candidates with the right experience.

The drawback of specialized fairs is that they do not generate the revenue — with say 20 stands rather than 40 — to publicize themselves enough to draw enough visitors.

The other big fair organizer in Britain, Intro UK, is also branching into new fields by organizing a Recruitment Village at a show for electrical and electronic engineers next February. It is also to run the first technology graduate

Fairly specialist



recruitment fair in Hammersmith next January.

Twenty employers are to take stands — half of them from the computer industry. Some of them find the traditional milk round of universities more and more competitive and less and less cost-effective and are looking to the fair to provide a cheaper way of finding the bright graduates who will be the technology managers of the 1990s.

British Telecom, Rank X-

erox and Datalogic are among the IT companies present and there are many users looking for computer staff.

By giving graduates a fair of their own, Chris Boon of Intro is hoping to divert them from the other fairs, which are intended for experienced staff only.

The stands at the first recruitment fairs in 1986 were swamped by graduates. Since then, Intro tries to divert them down a special channel, where they are directed to stands, which have shown an interest in seeing recent graduates.

The Visit Fair is even tougher — not wanting to let them in at all, but sending them home with a pack of recruitment literature.

The development of specialized fairs does not mean the end of more general fairs — Intro UK has one planned in Hammersmith on November 27-28 and eight are planned for 1988, in Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol and Edinburgh.

Visit will also be hosting four large fairs in central London next year, the first in March.

Several employers have accepted them as a useful supplement to other ways of recruiting and some take stands at every fair.

Job fears on competitiveness

From Geoff Wheelwright in Boston

Large corporations and the people who plan to work for them in the high-technology sector will have to concentrate further on competing in world markets if they expect to have any future, an industry conference was told here last week.

John Young, president of Hewlett-Packard and a member of President Ronald Reagan's commission on industrial competitiveness, said that jobs may be lost and opportunities missed unless the West could absorb the lessons in competition provided by the Pacific Rim countries such as Korea, Japan and Taiwan.

There was also a warning for European countries, which, he suggested, might start getting squeezed out of these world markets. He added:

"There are some very different competitors among the newly industrialized countries and their trade with the US has already exploded. The trade with Pacific Rim countries, for example, is substantially greater than with all of Europe and will be twice that shortly."

The conference, organized by Seybold, also saw policy statements from the likes of Apple, IBM, DEC and Microsoft. All were concerned with the current challenges to management and the effect these have on competitiveness, productivity and jobs.

IBM's senior vice-president, Allen Krowe, for example, explained that the world's biggest computer company was having to make wholesale changes to its long-standing aggressive recruitment policies. He said: "We had 405,000 regular employees

and have reduced that to 389,000 — a major part of that being through our retirement incentive scheme."

IBM also estimates that it has cut down spending further on employment through encouraging employees to take all their vacations, making a grant of voluntary unpaid leave easier and reducing overtime.

In addition, anyone working for IBM now may also find themselves moving to different jobs in the company through what it calls "workload rebalancing", which involves a preference for retraining and redeploying existing employees over hiring new ones.

Management levels have come in for particular attention. "While we have reduced by 8200 the number of employees working at headquarters, have reduced the man-

agement population by 2,000 and reduced layers of management", said Mr Krowe, "we have also increased the number of programmers and engineers worldwide by 7,000 and sales people by 11,000."

Programmers and systems analysts might also take heart from last week's Boston launch of a new software-development system from Hewlett-Packard. Designed to build software for personal computers, it is based on Microsoft's popular Windows system and provides powerful tools for the swapping of information between applications as well as the writing of special recorded instructions which allow you to run and control several computer applications at once.

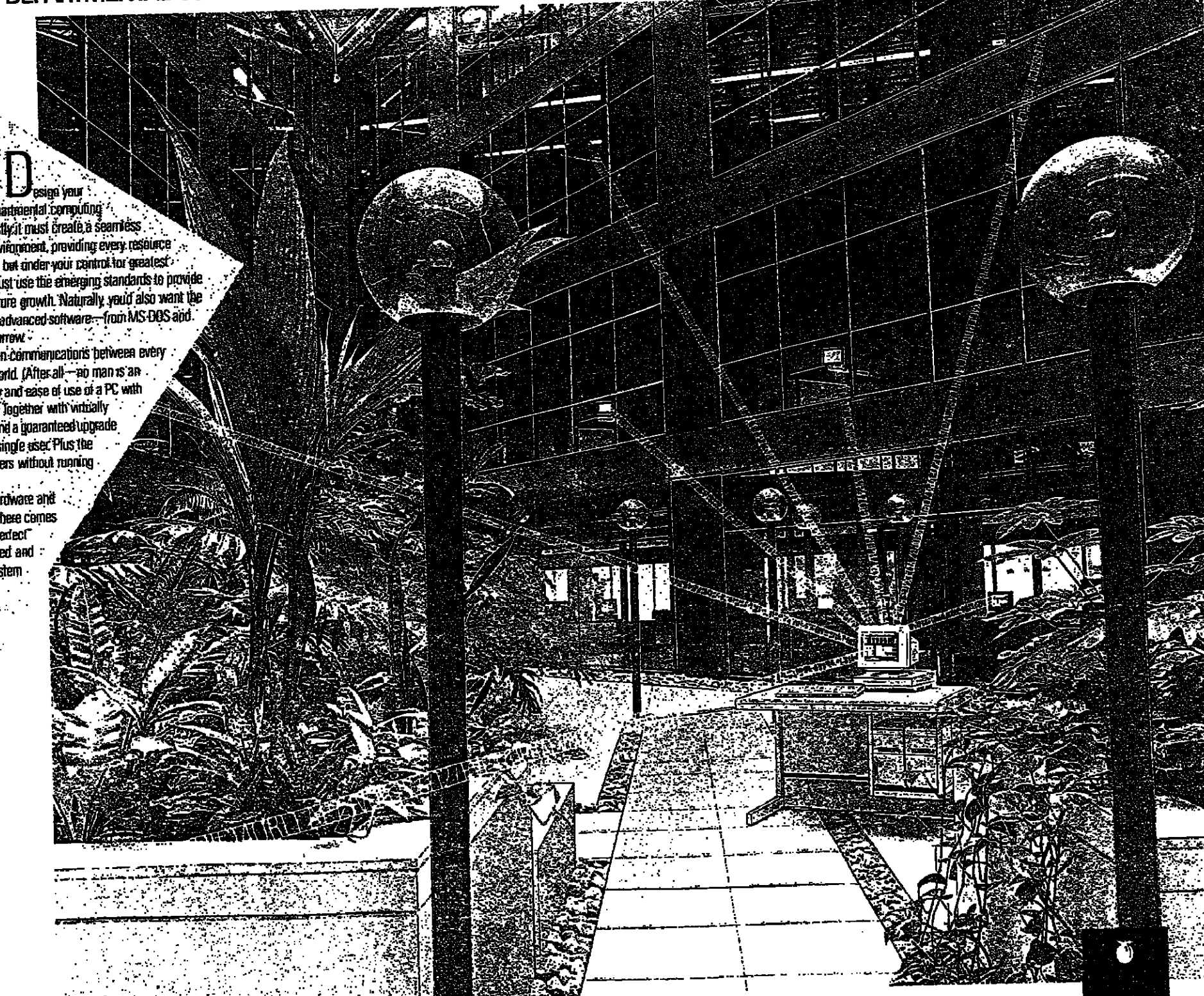
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Progress from Compec

Today's start of the Compec Show at London's Olympia, which runs until Thursday, could produce a greater commitment to the standard for open systems (OSI) that should eventually get rid of some of the incompatibility between different brands and types of equipment.

Organizers of the show, Camera Exhibitions, questioned 1,500 data processing and systems managers and found nearly nine out of 10 said their choice would be adversely affected if the manufacturer did not have clear plans for conforming with OSI standards. The show will also include a round-the-world demonstration of another emerging standard, X.400, designed to let electronic mail be sent between currently incompatible systems.

Some British computer firms have also been busy at the tables in Las Vegas trying to drum up more business at the huge Comdex exhibition held earlier this month. Sir Clive Sinclair, for example, was seen holding discussions with distributors there about taking a US version of his new 286 laptop computer while Amstrad's founder, Alan Sugar, was busy unveiling his recent battery operated portable. But it was not the two

British portables which stole the show in the US. Atari gave details of a new computer which features the innovative transputer developed by British firm Immos. The new machine, the Abaq, will be unique in the cheaper end of the computer market in that you can add up to four more computer processors, which Atari says will give power equivalent to a minicomputer for the price of a PC.

A computer version of The Times crossword is now available on both tape and disc for Acorn's BBC, Master Compact and Electron

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machines. The program, which is to be the start of a series, contains 80 crosswords that appeared in The Times in 1983. If you cannot answer a particular clue, the software will offer help either by describing the type of clue — anagram or acronym, for example — or it can give the first letter of the answer.

Different scores are given depending on the amount of help needed. The program was developed by David Akenhead and his father Edmund — crossword editor of The Times from 1965-83. The Times Computer Crosswords: Volume 1 is

published by Times Books, 16 Golden Square, London W1R 4BN and costs from £9.95 to £14.95 depending on version.

The information-systems company Honeywell Bull is to cut its American staff by 8 per cent during the next year. The 1,600 jobs lost will come from attrition, early retirement and lay-offs. The move is the first big consolidation since the company was formed in March by Honeywell, Compagnie des Machines Bull, the French state-owned computer maker, and NEC of Japan.

Desktop publishing has now established itself as more than a passing fad. Recognizing that there is likely to be considerable interest at the cheaper end of the personal computer market, the National Computing Centre has produced a guide to the topic for owners of the Amstrad PCW word processor.

It covers how to produce text and illustrations, the integrated software available and ways of improving material produced on a PCW that is intended for duplication. Desktop publishing with the Amstrad PCW by Michael Milan costs £9.50 and is published by the NCC. Further information from 061-228 6333

Doubts on super advances

While recent advances in the field of superconductivity appear promising, researchers have expressed caution that the work has not been validated.

There has been a flurry of reports within the last year and a half that a new class of compounds appears capable of carrying electricity with little or no resistance at close to room temperature.

Such a development could have far-reaching implications, sharply reducing the cost of electricity and opening the door to many applications such as immensely small, powerful and cheap computers.

Robert Cava, a researcher with Bell Laboratories, said: "By no means is the scientific community unanimous in accepting these reports as being true."

Mr Cava and other leading researchers in the field believe the signs of superconductivity that have been reported have only been fleeting, making them difficult to reproduce or study in detail. "Reproducibility in other laboratories is an extremely difficult step," he said. "Nobody has been able to learn enough about this effect to be able to make it reproducible so it can be studied."

Vitaly Ginzburg of the Lebedev Physical Institute in the Soviet Union agreed: "It is a difficult thing to prove." In this case you must have reproducibility and stability," he said.

A primary problem is that the amount of superconductive material that has been produced is apparently only a small part of the samples researchers work with.

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By Eddie Coulter

The new OS-2 operating system developed jointly by IBM and Microsoft is bound to result in a vast number of new applications programs as software developers seek to take advantage of the system's new capabilities.

More specialist software people will be required who understand OS-2 though it is not the only area where new developments are taking place.

New operating systems, data bases, protocols, and standards are being introduced with alarming regularity. Alarming because all these new computing aspects require software and

A shortage of skilled staff

systems people to learn new skills before the products can prove beneficial to end users.

New skills have to be taught and so more people are required to provide the training. With an existing shortage of information-technology staff in general, there is also a shortage of experienced trainers in particular.

The lack of trainers ultimately fuels the shortage of skilled staff generally.

"One of the fundamental problems concerns the role of trainers and their status," says David Goodall who is manager of Sphinx — one of the

two British companies so far authorized by Microsoft to provide training for OS/2.

Sphinx is now going through a crash programme to transfer OS-2 awareness to new trainers in order to meet the flood of demand for training in the new operating system.

However, Mr Goodall believes the company could be training even more people, not only for OS-2 but also for other courses where demand is up 40 per cent on last year. The problem is that there are just not enough skilled training people around.

He said: "The problem is not money. Trainers in information technology are paid an equivalent salary to someone in software development or support with equipment skills."

Typically, salaries for trainers are in the order of £15,000 a year for someone in their late twenties with two years experience of, say, Unix. Even that salary, says Mr Goodall, could be a useful proposition to state-school teachers who are prepared to spend two years learning new skills.

Senior technical trainers can expect to get a £20,000 to £25,000 package including a car, while those capable of teaching technical skills with a sales and marketing emphasis can earn up to £28,000 a year.

So if the pay is not the problem, it must be, as Mr Goodall says, the image of training.

"Training has a neutral image," he says, "and part of



David Goodall: Even more people could be trained the problem is that no one is telling people in their formative working years that one of their career options could be in training.

"The starting point for the remedy," emphasizes Mr Goodall, "must be a change in the perception of training as a career or at least as an element in a career. The information technology profession must also do more to promote itself."

Limiting ability of companies

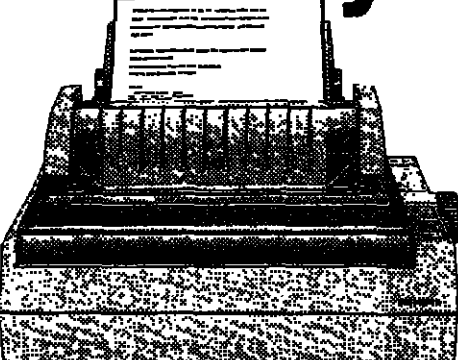
"There is possibly a need for a professional body to give a voice and status to the IT training community. But there is also a responsibility on the computer using community to give training the status it deserves."

It is computer users as well as manufacturers that must pay heed to training needs, believes Mr Goodall, as the lack of training staff inevitably limits the ability of British companies to maintain the momentum they need to keep up in the international race to keep ahead in information technology.

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The demand will increase still further, but, at the moment, there just aren't enough suitably-qualified people available. Not only is the pool of 18-year-olds diminishing, but the percentage of those taking maths and physics at A-level is declining too. And maths and physics are normally essential requirements for degrees in engineering and technology.

Deeply concerned about this shortage, the National Advisory Body for Public Sector Higher Education (NAB) has been trying to provide more places in polytechnics and colleges for people to read engineering and technology. But students have not come forward in the required numbers, mainly because they didn't have the entry requirements.

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Brighton Polytechnic has accepted 20, in the age range of 18-44. Some of the more mature candidates do not have A-levels, but maths at O-level was recommended. One girl speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese and wants to study design, but not in an art college. Another student has been making a living writing video games, and a third had his interest in engineering awakened when working with machinery as a swimming pool supervisor.

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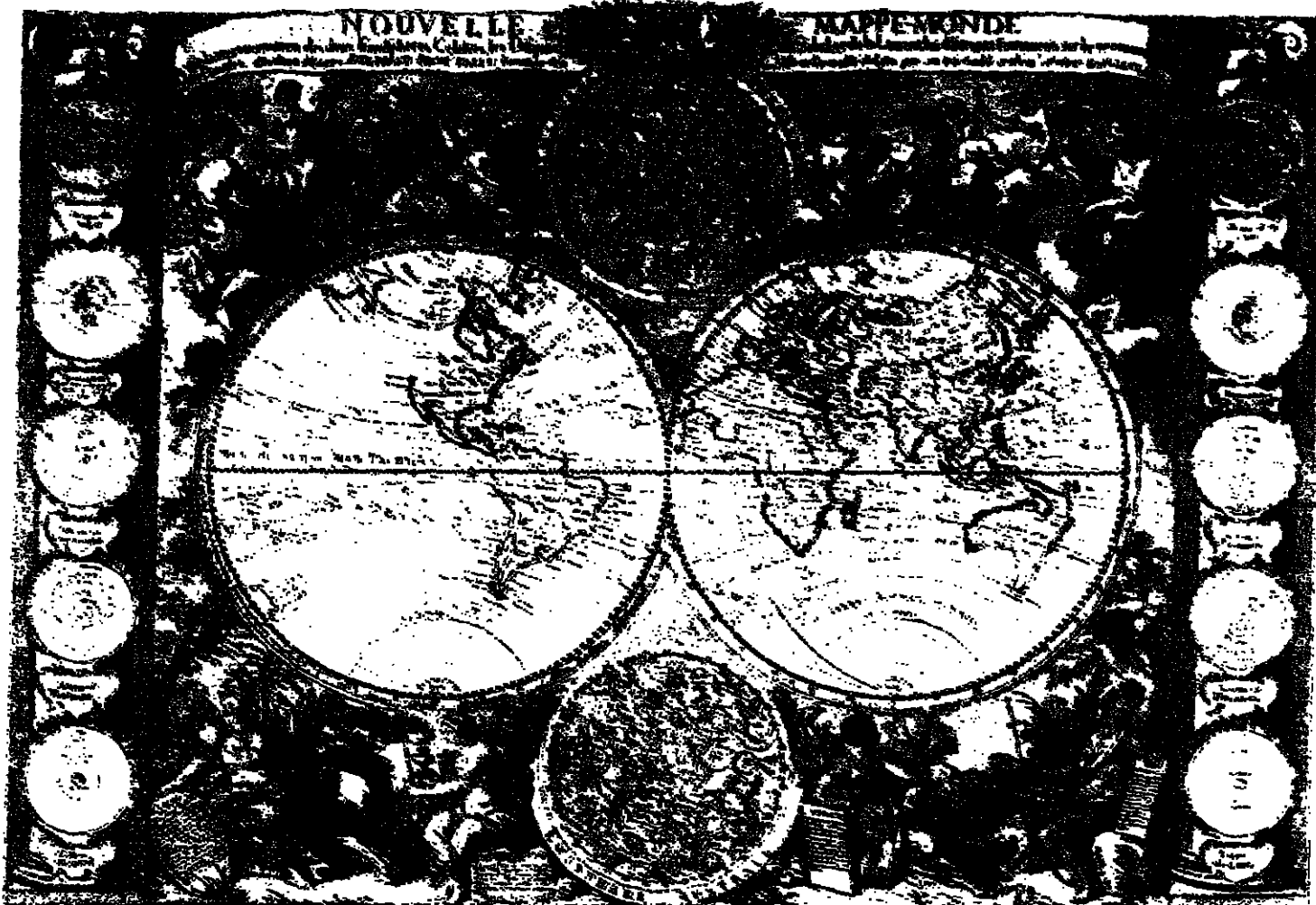
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By John Blunsden

For the third year in succession the Formula One world championship season has been brought to a close on the streets of Adelaide, having begun more than seven months ago on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro.

Once more, the itinerary had taken teams into Eastern Europe, with Hungary the host to this most western of sports, as well as to Mexico City, where the devastation from an earthquake aggravating an already strained economy failed to dampen the local enthusiasm for grand prix racing.

In Detroit, too, the streets of what most of the spectators there believe to be the true home of the motor car, echoed again to the sounds of Formula One engines on what is perhaps the least suitable of the 16 venues used for the world championship.

But 10 of the races took place in Western Europe, which remains the spiritual home of grand prix racing and is where all of the teams based. The journey home from Adelaide will provide adequate time for them to reflect on a busy season, one which has brought success for a few, but frustration and disappointment for the majority. Formula One was forever this.

Ferrari are returning to Italy on a high note, their long hoped for and desperately needed revival having finally been accomplished. Japan provided the breakthrough, but Adelaide supplied the equally important confirmation. A single victory can be dismissed as a fluke, however, but two on the trot, bolstered by two pole positions, provide all the evidence necessary to prove that Ferrari are back.

Williams, meanwhile, seem to have gone slightly off the boil and clearly missed Nigel Mansell's presence at the last two races. But nothing can detract from the quality of their season, which has seen them finish the season as the most successful of the non-Ferrari teams.

Lotus, too, have not achieved all that they set out and expected to do, only two victories coming from a season of 11 races, but they have finished in the points 11 times, or 12 before his car's disqualification on Sunday afternoon. The team's perseverance with the complex but already impressively computer-controlled active suspension has served them well and may bring them greater benefits next season, when Nelson Piquet will become the major beneficiary.

Much was expected of the Benetton-Ford this year, but only one victory in the season did they produce, and this season, has to move on.

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curse power under the more restrictive 2.5-litre limit. This was Brabham's final season with BMW engines and it ended with not a lot to show for it, a third place by Riccardo Patrese in Mexico being the high point. Despite rumours, however, the team will continue, although plans for 1988 remain very fluid.

Zakspeed will also continue, although probably with only one car for Martin Brandle, who had a wretched luck, time after time his hard work being thwarted by mechanical failure which meant he never got to the start. In May provided his only points of the season. In contrast, his successor at Tyrrell, Jonathan Palmer, came out of the class, winning the points battle before the season was over. It was Brandle's reluctance to "go normally aspirated" in 1987 which prompted him to leave the Tyrrell team.

Arrows, too, were somewhat short of puff, to the frustration of Derek Warwick and Eddie Cheever, although they tared a great deal better than the Ligier team, who used similar Mecar engines but had a miserable season dogged with mechanical failure. Arrows, however, remain "about" about their chances for 1988, when they intend to continue with

One senses that any big breakthrough will have to await the arrival of the next generation normally aspirated Ford engine, on which Cosworth Engineering are engaged at the present time and which Benetton will use exclusively for the first season.

The closeness of the performance of the 3½-litre cars, notably the Tyrrells, the Ligiers and the Marchs, all powered by the Ford Cosworth engines, added considerable zest to these races within races, and often provided sustained interest which was lacking from the main battle on from the start of the season, the best of them will be part of that battle.

Wych, who disrupted a promising snooker career in the early 1980s to complete his degree, is currently ranked 36 in the world, 13 places behind Hendry. The Canadian also had some work in the media for Stephen Hendry, after suffering the young Scot's natural attacking flair to win the Tennent's United Kingdom championship third round match 9-7 late on Sunday night in Preston.

Hendry, precisely three weeks earlier, had won his first ranking title by defeating Dennis Taylor in the final of the Rothmans' Grand Prix, having beaten Steve Davis in the quarter-finals. In between, Taylor had won tournaments in Toronto and Southend, while Hendry had been restricted to one qualifying match, for the Mercantile Credit tour, and a short exhibition tour with Jimmy White.

He took defeat manfully, but the bright smile that so often splits his face was understandably lacking as, fidgeting in his interview chair, he refused to look for any excuses, saying only "I played the right game against me. He was a worthy winner."

Despite clocking some of the fastest start times, both Nicky Thompson and Keith Toot, who ended with identical aggregate times in nineteenth place, were a staggering 4.16sec behind the winner, Wolfgang Hoppe, East

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1987 WINNERS

BRAZILIAN (Rio de Janeiro, April 12): A Prost (Fr), McLaren-TAG.

SAN MARINO (Imola, May 3): N Mansell (GB), Williams-Honda.

SPAIN (Barcelona, May 17): Prost, McLaren-TAG.

MEXICO (Mexico City, May 21): A Senna (Br), Lotus-Honda.

FRANCE (Paul Ricard, Le Castellet, July 5): Mansell, Williams-Honda.

BRITISH (Silverstone, July 12): Mansell, Williams-Honda.

GERMAN (Hockenheim, July 26): N Piquet (Br), Williams-Honda.

HUNGARIAN (Budapest, August 9): Piquet, Williams-Honda.

AUSTRIAN (Zeltweg, August 15): Mansell, Williams-Honda.

ITALIAN (Monza, September 6): Piquet, Williams-Honda.

PORTUGUESE (Estoril, September 20): Prost, McLaren-TAG.

SPAIN (Jerez, September 27): Mansell, Williams-Honda.

MEXICAN (Mexico City, October 18): Mansell, Williams-Honda.

JAPANESE (Suzuka, November 1): G Berger, Ferrari.

AUSTRALIAN (Adelaide, November 15): Berger, Ferrari.

WARRINGTON, who trailed 16-14 to the lowly Cumbrian second division club, Carlisle, before grabbing a try on the final hooper, got an attractive home, who showed signs of returning to their best form with a crushing victory over Rochdale Hornets.

Leeds, who were awarded a controversial obstruction try in the 18-14 win at Whitehaven, entertain their West Riding rivals, Halifax, in a game which is certain to bring another crowd of more than 10,000 to Headingley.

St Helens, who went through on Saturday the aid of an interception try, have what on paper seems the easiest task of the round, a home fixture with Mansfield Markham, who caused a famous shock by winning at Runcorn on Sunday. The Saints have never won the John Player Trophy, but the way their luck is running, this could be their year.

Wigan were another thoroughly unconvincing first division side in their victory over Sheffield Eagles at Central Park. They trailed 5-2 at one stage, and even though Wigan rallied to win comfortably, the home supporters are becoming disenchanted with the lack of form shown by their favourites. They have a tough home tie against Castleford, who have a habit of producing their best displays at Central Park, and unless Wigan return to the outstanding open rugby displays of last season, the Yorkshiremen may put them out of the competition.

There is comfort for the second division in the fact that at least two representatives must reach the quarter-finals. The likelihood is that Oldham, the second division leaders who beat Bradford Northern handily on Sunday, they visit Batley, and while the Yorkshire club are capable of a giant-killing act, Oldham are a first division side languishing for only a season in the lower division and should win.

Springfield Borough, having a successful season under their new name and venue, entertain the winners of Wednesday's play-off between York and Wakefield Trinity. Borough, who play at the Wigan Athletic football ground, Springfield Park, beat Barrow in the first round and are quite capable of making the last eight.

Wigan, who demolished Workington Town in the first round with a free-running performance which should restore confidence on Humber-side, entertain Leigh, who struggled to beat another second division outfit, Huddersfield. This is an intriguing tie, with the sides

Botham spree halted awhile

After witnessing a barnstorming 58 in Ian Botham's opening Sheffield Shield match for Queensland following four slip catches in the Victoria first innings, the Brisbane crowd were reminded that their latest recruit is only human as he returned second innings figures of 37 in 12 overs yesterday. Chances of a significant batting performance from Botham are slight as Victoria finished on 251 for six, just 72 runs ahead, thanks mainly to Dean Jones, who contributed 75.

In Sydney, New South Wales won a race against fading light and impending rain to beat South Australia in under three days in their clash at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Inspired by a nine-wicket haul by Geoff Lawson, who took six for 31 in the second innings, New South Wales clinched victory as bad light closed in and rain began to fall. They were set only 97 to win after South Australia collapsed for 131, and reached the target with six wickets to spare.

● The first match of the West Indies tour of India, against Hyderabad, the Ranji Trophy champions, was abandoned yesterday without a ball being bowled. The decision was taken after Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, and Jackie Hendricks, the manager, inspected the pitch and decided that their players would risk injury on the slippery ground despite the return of fine weather.

● Kapil Dev, the Indian captain, who came under attack for failing to take his team to the World Cup finals, says he wants to continue to play for India whether he is retained as captain or not for the series against the West Indies.

Merciful end as England are locked in ritual

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Rawalpindi

After more than seven hours in the field England had taken eight wickets, the last four of them given away, when their match against the President's XI came to a merciful end here yesterday. In three full and cloudless days only 18 wickets had fallen, the President's XI finishing with 318 for eight in reply to England's 385.

The home side had every justification for doing to England as England had done unto them, which, for the most part, was to bat not as though they were playing for entertainment so much as acting out a ritual. Asif Mujtaba, a 20-year-old left-hander who came to England last summer with Imran Khan's team, made 157; Asif Mohammad took 230 balls to make 56; Aamir Malik 59 balls to make 10.

What spectators there were seemed mesmerized by it all, some for reasons of nostalgia perhaps. Until one-day cricket came along, more games than not that were played in Pakistan bore some resemblance to this one.

Mujtaba's innings compensated him nicely for a disappointing tour of England, on which he got to the wicket five times and made only 11 runs. He has played a couple of Test matches against West Indies, and was to be seen helping Pakistan win a one-day international against Australia in Perth last January.

Once he got in he kept the covers busy with his fluent and wristy driving, succeeding in hitting the ball on the up in a way which no one else had attempted. Quite half his 27

four came through the covers.

If the three Test matches to be played between now and Christmas were all to be on this Rawalpindi pitch, the only bowler on either side likely to force a result, now that Imran has retired, would be Abdul Qadir with his leg breaks. In the three overs he had here he beat the bat three times, almost as many as all the orthodox spinners between them. Such creations of mud and clay rolled together have very little to recommend

Scoreboard

ENGLAND: First innings: 385 for 8 dec (J. C. Robertson 118, C. W. J. Athey 101, G. J. Capel 87).
PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings: 318 for 8.
Saidi Raza bow 2-1-1-0-4.
Asif Mohammad bow 1-0-0-0-59.
Asif Mujtaba c sub b Capel 157.
Aamir Malik bow 1-0-0-0-10.
Zahid Ahmed b Hemmings 36.
Zulqarnain c sub b Hemmings 16.
Sabbir Ahsan bow 1-0-0-0-1.
Sayed Akbar not out 1.
*Abdul Qadir c Jarvis b Hemmings 12.
Extras (to 1, to 3, w 1, nb 1) 18.
Total (for 8 wickets) 318.
Wahneet Niaz did not bat.
FALL: 1-124, 2-168, 3-225, 4-278, 5-279, 6-285, 7-297, 8-318.
BOWLING: Diley 18-3-61-1; Jarvis 17-2-1-11-1; Cook 18-3-61-1; Hemmings 23-7-70-4; Gaining 7-2-21-0.
Umpires: J. Akhtar and A. Khan.

them without two sides prepared to go all out for a result.

That said, Capel, Jarvis and Diley all got the odd ball past the bat, the first two surprising the batsmen with an occasional turn of speed. Diley won a leg-before decision as soon as he came back for a second spell, as did Hemmings when Asif Mohammad swept and missed. England never stopped trying, partly no doubt because the bowlers are now competing with each other for places in the series of

three one-day matches which starts in Lahore tomorrow.

Assuming Emburey, Hemmings and DeFreitas all play tomorrow, that will leave room for only two out of Foster, Jarvis, Diley and Capel. Because of his batting Capel probably has the edge over Jarvis and Diley. Having come through the match just finished without any real discomfort, Jarvis can expect to see out the tour and Small to go home later this week. The only real misadventure yesterday befell Robinson, who was hit hard on the ankle bone when fielding very close in for Hemmings at silly point.

By tea, 1,320 balls had been bowled in the match, of which a mere 250 had been scored from. Afterwards England fielded five "substitutes", one of them, French, kept wicket; another, Emburey, captained the side. That either should have been doing what they were was unconventional. But from the start it was a match which England had treated as practice.

Of those off the field Gaining had taken some painkillers, the sun having got to him. Athey had a strain of some sort. Robinson was nursing his ankle. Cook had hurt his side and Russell had withdrawn so as to give French a chance behind the stumps. On his first appearance for an England XI Russell had missed something down the leg side, standing back to Jarvis, which he should have caught; but he had looked, as he is, very neat and dextrous. Well again, French will probably be used for the first of the one-day internationals tomorrow.



Casualty: Robinson is treated after being struck on the ankle (Photograph: Graham Morris)

Rugby player dies in mass brawl on pitch

From Philip Jacobson, Marseille

The French rugby world has been shaken by the death of a junior club player in Marseille on Sunday during a mass brawl after the final whistle had gone.

Dominique Leydier, aged 25, a centre three-quarter, was knocked to the ground when fierce fighting broke out at the end of a league match between his club, Montoux, and USPEP Marseille. Despite frantic efforts to revive him by an opposition player who was a trained paramedic, Leydier was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

Although there seems little doubt that Leydier, a fit young farmer, had suffered a fatal heart attack, some of his shocked team colleagues claimed he was kicked and struck as he lay at the bottom of a pile of struggling bodies. A judicial inquiry was opened immediately by players from both sides, together with team officials and the referee, have

Third fatality in France this year

Dominique Leydier is the third fatality French rugby has suffered on the field of play this season. The booker of the Club Athlétique de la Société Générale, Christophe Labadie, aged 25, broke his neck during a game in September. The following weekend, Marc Soubeyrant, tight-head prop of Ramfily, also broke his neck and died in hospital a fortnight ago.

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becoming impossible," he said.

As soon as the game ended, with Marseille winning 12-4, a violent incident occurred in the centre of the field. Aubert disappeared immediately: "There were blows being exchanged everywhere, Dominique was submerged in the middle of it. Next thing, he was flat out, apparently unconscious."

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Relaxed Graf cannot lose

From Linda Pentz, New York

Steffi Graf, the world's No. 1 tennis player, will take a relaxed approach to the \$1 million (about £574,712) Virginia Slims Championships, which began here yesterday.

Graf, who has won 10 tournament titles in a year she has described as "awesome", and has lost only two matches, cannot be overtaken in the No. 1 spot, even if she loses in the first round.

Graf is the top seed and should meet Martina Navratilova, ranked second, in the final which will be played over the best of five sets on Sunday.

Simpkin defeats Louis

Anne Simpkin, of Leicestershire, scored an emphatic 6-3, 7-5 victory over Devon's Jo Lewis in the opening round of the Lawn Tennis Association's Women's Indoor Tournament at the Surrey Tennis and Country Club, Croydon.

After a first set which was dominated by the 18-year-old Simpkin, the second went with service until the Leicester

girl broke Lewis's serve in the eleventh game.

Sally Timms was beaten in the opening round as she went out 2-6, 3-6 to Veronika Martinek, of West Germany.

RESULTS: First round: A. Simpkin (Leic) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; J. Lewis (Devon) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; V. Martinek (West) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; S. Timms (Leic) 2-6, 3-6; M. Navratilova (Czech) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; C. Graf (Aust) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; P. Schmeider (West) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3; K. Schmeider (West) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

"I guess the computer is the best readout," Navratilova said.

"I'm still hoping I'll come far in the tournament," Graf said, "but I can get into taking it, not easy, but more relaxed. Everything went great this year. There was nothing I thought could be like this. But this is the last tournament and I hope it reflects the year."

Graf's two losses have both been at the hands of Navratilova, in the finals of Wimbledon and the US Open. Those two tournaments alone, Navratilova feels, should have earned her the No. 1 ranking.

"I had a lot of adversity," Navratilova said, "but I wouldn't trade the year I've had. It has helped me mature and concentrate better on matches. There was a lot of doubt in my mind, a lot of soul-searching. But it's going to benefit me. You learn more by hardships than when things are going well."

Behind Graf and Navratilova in the 16-player field are Chris Evert and Pam Shriver. Shriver is in Navratilova's half of the draw while Evert is expected to meet Graf in the other semi-final.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Betting go-ahead

Licensed betting will be officially staged for the first time at a British boxing title bout on Thursday. The promoter, Gary Davidson, has won a legal battle to provide a bookmakers within the Latchmere Leisure Centre, Battersea, on the night of Lloyd Christie's third defence of his light welterweight crown against Chris Blake.

But it is unlikely to become a feature of the sport. The British Boxing Board of Control, who tried to ban the move, seems certain to stamp it out by introducing new legislation. "It appears that within the existing law the board had difficulty in stopping Mr Davidson," the board secretary, John Morris, said. "However, we are totally opposed to betting within any part of a boxing hall."

Woolmer's no

The former Kent and England batsman Bob Woolmer, now living in South Africa, has decided not to continue next season as coach to his former county. Woolmer, living and working in Cape Town, had done the job for only one season. The Kent secretary, David Dalby, said: "He has decided for personal reasons not to accept our offer to return next summer."

Gallacher aid

Bernard Gallacher, the Wentworth-based Ryder Cup Scot, will help the Great Britain and Ireland women's amateur team's preparations for their defence of the Curtis Cup against the United States at Royal St George's, Sandwich on June 10 and 11 next year.

Joining up

England's Alison Gordon is flying out to join her colleagues at the Olympic table tennis qualifying tournament, in Karlsruhe, West Germany tomorrow.

Irked by Cash

The Wimbledon champion, Pat Cash, has been criticized by an Australian anti-apartheid group after his decision to play in the South African tennis open, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported yesterday.

Hardly Open house at Lytham

By Patricia Davies

Everyone knows that golf is a lucrative business, that leading players like Severiano Ballesteros, Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman do not have to worry where their next meal is coming from. So every year, when the circuit comes to town in the shape of the Open championship, it is inevitable that the sharks and get-rich-quick merchants should also move in, eager to take advantage of as many of the 150,000 or so spectators as possible.

Accommodation is an obvious target and Michael Bonallack, secretary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, the organizers of the championship, is so concerned that things are in danger of getting out of hand at Royal Lytham St Annes next year, that he felt obliged yesterday to go on the attack.

"The R and A have received a number of complaints in respect of the prices being asked for houses and consider damage will be done to the national and international reputation of the local area if this development is allowed to continue," he said.

Bonallack is aware that the R and A have no control over the prices people charge but he advises those thinking of renting their house to operate through the official agents and hope they will be happy with "a fair but not excessive rental."

"We hear rumours that there is a company going round telling people 'we'll get you more than anyone else' and charging 50 per cent commission compared to our agents' 12½ per cent," Bonallack said. "This high commission inflates the cost of the rental."

Bonallack: no control renting but, at the same time, the householder will not be ending up with any more money simply because the commission is so high."

Ruth Adler, of the official agents, claims people have asked for as much as £8,000 for their house for the week and she has had to turn them down. "Our prices range from £500 to about £3,500 for a four or five bedroomed house overlooking the course," she said.

"But people sometimes want a lot more and there are those who think they can make a killing during Open week. The hotels are all booked up already and the local papers carry stories with headlines like, 'Golf Week - high profiteering for local people'."

Tom Hutchinson, secretary of Royal Lytham, is another who has heard tales of large sums being demanded. "I think it is diabolical that the thing should be exploited as I understand it, and I know from players that they don't like it, even the top ones who are all millionaires," he said. "It's not the money it's the principle of the thing and it's a great shame if they go away, thinking that people are trying to capitalize on their few days here."

Arthur Beecroft, a Manchester insurance broker, has linked up with International Golf Promotions, a New York-based company, to provide accommodation for American business executives being brought over by their companies. But even dealing with such a lucrative market, Beecroft - who charges no commission from the people who offer him their house - said the maximum he had offered anyone was about £4,000.

"But that was exceptional," he explained. "Six bedrooms, six bathrooms, indoor swimming pool, sauna, jacuzzi, solarium. To be honest I couldn't understand why they wanted to let and they decided not to in the end."

"Mind you, I did have one client who wanted £4,500 for a semi, saying it had been offered that much by a big sports company. Frankly, I wouldn't have offered him that much to buy the house."

Rumours of big money killings leading to winter holidays in the Bahamas and the fact that in the Lytham area in July accommodation is generally at a premium. Open or no Open, encourage people to inflate their prices but with research and a strong bargaining nerve, players and spectators should be able to afford a pint as well as a bed next year.

Smith to apologize for criticism of Ardiles

By Dennis Signy

Jim Smith, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, agreed yesterday to apologize personally to Osvaldo Ardiles for remarks he made about him after one of his players, Mark Dennis, had been sent off at Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday.

Gordon Taylor, the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) secretary, took up the position of peacemaker when the incident. Ardiles contacted him at the weekend for advice on what action he should take. Smith had said that "Ardiles acted like a professional con man" after Dennis had elbowed the Argentinean international in the face.

After speaking to Smith at the Queen's Park Rangers training ground at Greenford, Taylor contacted the Football Association (FA) and ex-

plained that the manager was prepared to offer an apology for remarks made "in the heat of the moment".

Taylor also detailed the action to be taken against Dennis, who has been sent off 11 times in 10 years. "Hopefully that will be the end of the matter," Taylor said, adding that Ardiles had expressed his "great respect" for Smith as a manager.

Dennis will be fined a week's wages by his club, who also sent a cheque for £500 to the PFA yesterday, to be deducted from the player's pay as a "suspended penalty" following his dismissal in a Littlewoods Cup game against Aston Villa on November 18 last year when he was a Southampton player.

At that time the player's complete disciplinary record

Noades' charges are denied

By Ian Stafford

The chairman of AFC Bournemouth and the Dorset Police yesterday both strongly denied allegations made by Ron Noades, the Crystal Palace chairman, that club stewards and members of the police attacked Crystal Palace supporters during and after Bournemouth's 3-2 home defeat 10 days ago.

Noades wrote protesting letters to the Dorset Chief of Police, the Football League and to John Nolas, Bournemouth's new chairman, after he heard reports that one south Londoner was assaulted by a Bournemouth club steward and that the police had attacked a group of away supporters. Nolas last night denied these accusations and has written a forceful reply.

"I wrote a letter back to Noades on a day one of my stewards was still lying in a hospital bed after being severely beaten up and concussed by a so-called Palace supporter," Nolas said. "I am afraid Mr Noades, who was not even at the match concerned, has got all his facts wrong. Some of his team's drunken supporters were responsible for some trouble in the town before the match and I had to personally turf out three of them who had broken into the directors' box."

Superintendent Les Burns, the officer in charge of policing Dorset, also supports his force's tactics. "What Mr Noades suggests happened is a long way from the truth," Burns said.

"Noades has complained about how one of the away supporters was thrown out of the ground. The man in question is a subject of an exclusion order and had no legal right to be there at all."

"It is remarkable that the police are being blamed by both sides. Local supporters are complaining because we let the Crystal Palace support out of the ground at the same time as them. Someone is welcome to protest from Crystal Palace but the BBC, the club and I all possess videos of what happened and I am satisfied everything was in order."

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Leeds face FA action

By Martin Seaby

Leeds United will be in trouble with the Football Association unless their disciplinary record improves dramatically during the last two thirds of the season. In 18 League matches and four Littlewoods Cup games they have already had 34 bookings, which puts them well on target to beat Portsmouth, last season's worst offenders.

The South Coast club were fined £5,000, the biggest penalty imposed on any of the nine clubs which were called before the FA to explain poor disciplinary records, and was the result of three years of

Greek club in talks with Pleat

Athens (Reuters) - David Pleat, the former Tottenham Hotspur manager, was due to meet officials of Olympiakos yesterday amid reports that he might join the club. The Greek champions have yet to win after seven games this season.

Alketas Panagoulas, former manager of the United States national soccer team, resigned as manager two weeks ago. Pleat resigned from Tottenham last month after allegations concerning his private life.

Liam Brady is to make a personal appeal against the four-match suspension imposed on him by UEFA on Friday.

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